

Controversial Harry Sonshine Resigns As Head Of Argonauts

By WILF GRUSON, Canadian Press Staff Writer
TORONTO — Harry Sonshine, whose stormy regime as team manager of Toronto Argonauts made him one of football's most controversial figures, has ended his connection with the Big Four football union club.

He resigned 1½ years after taking over the job and falling in this mission to build a Grey Cup championship team. He stepped out after almost being continually blasted by football officials in Canada and the United States for his freespending policy of raiding U.S. pro teams.

Announcement of his resignation came Friday night from club president Bill Ross and followed the disclosure last week that a furniture manufacturing company of which Sonshine was part owner had gone bankrupt. Ross said he regrets the two events followed so closely and emphasized there is "absolutely no connection" between them.

NO ALTERNATIVE
 Sonshine said he was reluctant to resign but had "no alternative." "I must attend to personal business until I get things established again."

Ross said Sonshine's resignation was tendered some time ago but wasn't presented to the club's executive until last week. "We decided to accept it because we knew the business pressure he was under."

The 41-year-old Sonshine, a

star Queen's University and Argo player in the late 30's and early '40s, was not paid as team manager.

He spent thousands of dollars of his own money travelling through the United States and Canada luring up players.

After the 1955 season Sonshine continued scouting for players but not to the same extent as before. Bill Earley, Argos' backfield coach, was appointed as his assistant and to handle the club's public relations.

EARLY BEING GROOMED
 Ross said the job of team manager will not be filled immediately. Early, however, was being groomed for the job and would continue also as backfield coach and in handling the team's publicity.

Sonshine spent most of last season feuding with other Big Four and Western Interprovincial Football Union officials and coaches. He also had a running battle with some of the Toronto football writers and in mid-season barred them from the club's dressing room.



HOWIE LEE (centre), Olympic hockey defenseman, has been ordered by the Ontario Hockey Association to return to Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen or face suspension. Lee skipped to Cleveland Barons of the American Hockey League after returning from the Olympics. His case was pleaded at a Toronto hearing by Jim Hendy (right), owner of the Barons, and lawyer Thomas O'Neill (left) Toronto.

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Leafs Cut Hawks' Hopes For Playoffs

Dick Irvin called the shot and Toronto Maple Leafs made him look like a good prophet.

Leafs edged Irvin's Black Hawks 2-1 at Chicago in Friday night's lone National Hockey League encounter.

A few hours before game time, Irvin said:

"Leafs are in the driver's seat. I'm afraid. It looks as though they're in that fourth and last playoff spot again. That was the big one they won in New York Wednesday. They'll probably fly against us."

Although some people might not consider a 2-1 win as "flying," it was an unusual feat for Leafs. They had won only three games in 30 road trips and had not beaten Hawks at Chicago this season.

Leafs' win just about killed Chicago's playoff chances. Leafs have 52 points for a fourth-place showing, four ahead of Boston Bruins. Hawks are last with 45 points.

SLOAN'S 35TH GOAL
 Bruins visit Toronto tonight and a Leaf win would almost eliminate Boston from playoff competition.

Tod Sloan fired his 35th goal of the season midway through the third period to give Leafs victory. Right winger Ron Stewart made it 1-0 for Toronto in the second period and Ed Sandford tied it early in the third.

Detroit Red Wings, in second place with 64 points, visit Montreal tonight for a game against the league-leading Canadiens, who are 20 points ahead of Wings.

Sunday, Wings move to New York where they take on Rangers, who are only a point behind Detroit in third spot. Boston plays Hawks at Chicago in Sunday's other engagement.

Remember When
 By The Canadian Press

Boston Bruins were blanked by New York Rangers 2-0 at New York 15 years ago tonight, ending Boston's undefeated stretch at 23 games, still the NHL record. The Bruins had 15 wins and eight ties in compiling their record with a team that included such allstars as defenseman Dit Clapper and centre Bill Cowley.

OSLO — Five British fishermen from the trawler port of Grimsby will visit Norway next April as official guests of the Norwegian government.

New Metlakatla Cagers To Play District Teams

Members of the New Metlakatla basketball team slated to play the Prince Rupert Challengers next Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3 will seek games next week with Port Simpson, Kitkatla and possibly Hartley Bay, Alek Bill, Challenger coach, said yesterday.

Seven members of the Alaska team were in town yesterday, along with Capt. John Marsden, skipper of the seiner Golden North.

Three other players, rated by their team mates as "stars" will fly down for the Challenger match later, coach Bill said.

Seeking to keep their hand in during the week, are Albert Wellington, Tom Laing, Oswald Booth, Patrick Verney, Eldred and Reg Booth, who are travelling under the watchful eye of coach and trainer Charles Ryan.

Slated to arrive later are Don Bolton, Jack Booth and Martin Booth, Mr. Bill said.

Capt. Marsden himself is no newcomer to Prince Rupert cage circles, having played here many times when the city teams used to take to the floor of the old Moose Hall for their basketball competitions.

Mr. Bill said that it was thought unlikely that Ron Leask, who was for years captain and centre of the New Metlakatla Athletic Club team would be able to make the trip.

All basketball leagues will be idle tonight because of the Prince Rupert Drama Festival being held in the auditorium of the Civic Centre.

Leagues will swing into action again Tuesday.

Playoffs Set For Tonight, Tomorrow

One playoff game is scheduled for tonight and others slated for tomorrow in the Ladies' Curling Club competition for the Art Murray Trophy.

Semi-final and finals in the event will be played Monday night.

To play tonight at 8 p.m. are Grace Johnson and Myrtle Lewis.

At 1 p.m. tomorrow, Carol McDonald and Lou Bone meet in one game and Ethel Johnston meets the winner of the Grace Johnson-Lewis match in another.

At 3 p.m. tomorrow, Leah McKay is matched against Ish Turner while Kathy Kerr will meet Irl Thom.

Semi-final is set for 7 p.m. Monday with the final game to be played at 9 p.m.

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Pony League Considers Move To Algoma

The Prince Rupert Pony League is considering moving its base of operations this summer from Rosevelt Park to Algoma Park.

Thursday night, the Prince Rupert Board of Parks Commissioners were asked if the proposed grading of the Algoma Land Fill provided a playing surface, having a distance of 300 feet along the foul lines, the Pony loop would like to put in a request for playing times at the park this summer.

Harley Lewis, acting-secretary of the league sought Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The request was referred to Commissioner E. A. Williamson for consideration when use of the park is allowed.

A meeting of all city league representatives with the Parks Board to discuss playing time allotment at the various city parks is scheduled for March 1.

Also seeking information from the Parks Board was the Prince George Parent Teacher Association who asked for pertinent facts on how the board operated the Gyro swimming pool at McElymott Park. The letter from the interior city was referred to Fred Jones, secretary-manager of the Civic Centre. Requested information included regulations, charges, swim classes, schedules, charges, volunteer help and other pertinent facts regarding swimming pool operations.

Vs Cinch Second Spot In Standings

By The Canadian Press

The battle lines have been drawn in the Okanagan Senior Hockey League.

Penticton Vs turned back the Kamloops Elks 7-5 Friday night to button down second place in the standings.

The playoffs open Monday night with third-place Kelowna playing in Penticton and Kamloops Packers tangling with the first place Canadians in Vernon. Semi-finals are a best-of-seven affair.

In other interior action Friday night, Nelson Maple Leafs wound up their Western Inter-national Hockey League schedule by coming behind for a 6-5 overtime triumph over Kimberley Dynamiters.

In Penticton, the Elks lost Billy Hryciuk, runner-up in the league scoring race, when he was sandwiched between two Penticton players on the boards.

Hryciuk suffered a chest injury and will probably sit out the playoffs with wingmate Johnny Millard, injured previously.

Colin Kilburn and Grant Warwick scored twice for the Vs and singletons went to Bill Warwick, Bernie Bathgate and Jack Melnyk.

Joe Connors, Kevin Conway, Howie Horlby, Don Slater and Ed Kossian scored for the Elks.

In Nelson, Kimberley led 4-1 at the end of the second before Nelson started the comeback drive.

Vic Howe rapped home the winner for the Leafs at 2:17 of a sudden death overtime period. Pud Andrews, with two, Lee McGregor scored the others.

Norm Knippenburg set up three tallies for Irv McIlven and Ted Lebohn and Buzz Melor scored the other Kimberley goals.

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Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press

New York—Rocky Castellot, 150, Cleveland, outpointed Johnny Sullivan, 161, Britain, 10.

In Spezia, Italy—Antonio Crocchia, 203½, Italy, outpointed Aldo Pellegrini, 210, Rome, (12) for Italian heavyweight title.

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Mixed Curling Playdowns Start Tonight

Playoffs for the Northwest Construction Trophy by rinks of the Mixed Curling League get underway tonight with draws at 7 and 9 p.m., it was announced yesterday.

At 7 o'clock Thom is drawn against Rudderham; McDonald against A. J. Dominato and Shier against McLean.

At 9 p.m. Bone will meet Ford and Lindsay will meet the winner of the Shier-McLean contest.

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