Olympic Fighters Named

Crucial Games Loom For Runner-up Teams

By The Canadian Press

Three clubs — Saskatchewan, Winnipeg and British Columbia —could do themselves a lot of good with double victories in weekend Western Interprovincial Football Union action.

Frank Filchock's Saskatchewan Roughriders could advance into a first-place tie with Edmonton Eskimos by defeating British Columbia Lions in Regina Saturday and Esks in the Alberta capital Monday night.

In the Big Four, weekend action will answer two questions: Can Ottawa Roughriders repeat their upset win over Toronto Argonauts; and can a weakened Hamilton Tiger-Cat squad prevent a repetition of last week's drubbing by Montreal Alouettes?

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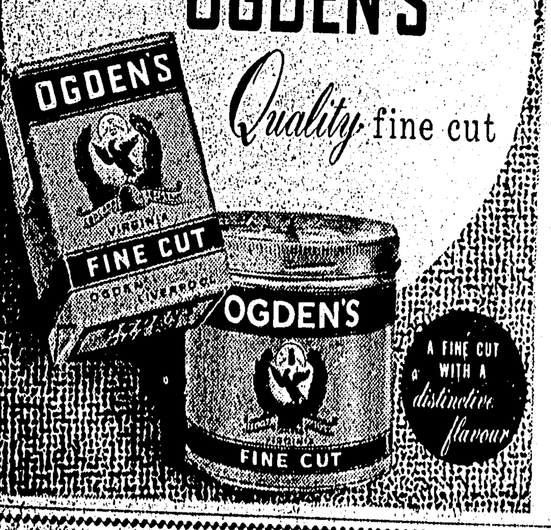

Mason Top Boxer; BEG Champ Loses

By W. R. WHEATLEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

MONTREAL (CP) — Les Mason, 22-year-old army sergeant, today became Canada's No. 1 boxer for the Olympic Games and it is doubtful if there could be any argument over the choice — not even from Mickey Bergin of Montreal.

The experienced Bergin, who won for Canada at the British Empire Games two years ago, took a sound beating at the hands of the 139-pound army man from Stellarton, N.S., in Thursday night's windup to the Canadian amateur boxing championships and Olympic trials.

Immediately after the show the national boxing committee of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada went into closed session and emerged in the early morning hours with its recommendations for the Canadian team.

SIX ARE NAMED

Six were chosen, in conformity with six boxing places allotted by the Canadian Olympic Association.

In addition to Mason, in the 139-pound division, others chosen in order of merit were: Ralph Hosack, Edmonton, 165; Eddie Beatty, Hamilton, 132; Walter Kozak, Edmonton, 147; Gerry Collins, Montreal, 178; Jim Montgomery, Montreal, 156.

In addition to the Olympic choices, the 1956 Canadian amateur champions are: Kai Yip, Lethbridge, Alta., 112; Gerald Vanstone, Canadian Army, Sydney, N.S., 119; Ronnie Paulsen, Edmonton, 125, and Robert Cleroux, Montreal, heavyweight.

Mason's appearance in the tournament was his first outside of competition in the services, where he had a record of 22 wins, 15 by knockouts, in 24 fights.

HOSAK WINS CROWN

Ralph Hosack was generally regarded as top man among a sturdy bunch of battlers from Alberta—four in all winning championships. Hosack won a decision over Paul Gendron of Asbestos, Que., in a semi-final before taking on tough Walter Gordon of Montreal, earlier winner over Dick Nolan, Sault Ste. Marie.

Gordon proved no match for Hosack. He bled freely from a cut on the forehead in the first round and before the fight ended by technical knockout at 2:05 of the third round, was floored twice for compulsory eight counts.

Beatty was also a double-winner, getting a close decision over Don Spears of Kingston, Ont., in the semi-final and scoring a technical knockout over the navy's Ray Shanks from Halifax in the final.

Shanks had moved into the final with a clean cut victory over Charlie Smallface, Cardston, Alta., Indian, who was down when the bell ended the second round at the count of nine.

Kozak took the 147-pound title by dethroning Norm Jorgensen of Vancouver, only 1955 champion in the tournament. The two put on a rugged battle, Kozak scoring heavily to the body on the in-fighting.

WESTERNERS BATTLE

Kai Yip, smooth boxing Chinese-Canadian from Lethbridge, used his left to advantage throughout in winning the 112-pound final from Keith Morrow of Regina.

Ronnie Paulsen, a tall youngster from Edmonton with both height and reach advantage over Jerry Boucher of Montreal, was a puzzle for the little Montrealer. Boucher got inside frequently for belts at the body but took too much from Paulsen in doing so.

The army's Gerald Vanstone, from Sydney, won the 119-pound title by default over Johnny Phillips of South Burnaby, B.C. Phillips suffered a cut eye in his Wednesday elimination bout against Larry Cavanagh of Regina and was unable to fight in the final.

The show was already under way when the national boxing committee, by a 4-3 vote, rejected the army's request for reinstatement of heavyweight Mike Mercredi from Chilliwack, B.C.

Mercredi was refused permission by the committee's physicians to enter the eliminations Tuesday because of a condition of hypertension and high blood pressure.

Riders Drop "The Bomb"

OTTAWA (CP) — Tom (The Bomb) Tracy, apparently lacking some of the explosive football power he showed last year, has been dropped by the Ottawa Rough Riders.

Coach Frank Clair, who gave Tracy a final chance last Saturday to prove himself, announced Thursday night the fullback is available to other Big Four teams for the $750 waiver price.

Tracy, a former University of Tennessee star, has missed most of Ottawa's games so far this fall with a knee injury.

The dropping of Tracy clears the way for halfback Avatus Stone, valued for his punting and running abilities, to return to the Rough Riders' list of 12 U.S. imports.

PLAYER DIES IN GAME

WALNUT SPRINGS, Tex. (AP)—Jerry Morrison, 15-year-old Walnut Springs High School halfback, died during a football game Thursday night.

He was found unconscious after the first few scrimmages and was dead on arrival at a hospital.

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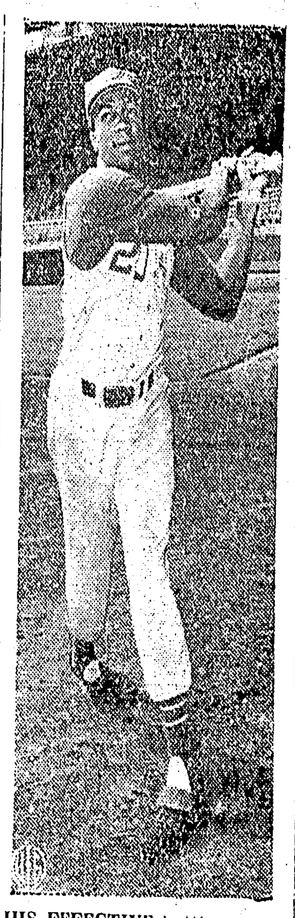

HIS EFFECTIVE batting form is demonstrated by Cincinnati slugger Frank Robinson, the Redlegs' wonder boy of 1956. The 20-year-old outfielder is almost a cinch to be the National League Rookie of the Year.

Canoers To See Maori Ceremony

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)—Olympic Games canoe competitors have been invited to take part after the Games in a remarkable river journey, complete with dance band, historic native ceremonial pole and possibly a cabinet minister.

The journey will be made by a large number of canoes, kayaks and flatbottomed boats down the turbulent upper reaches of New River.

It is being organized by the New Zealand Canoeing Association, which plans a trip lasting several days.

At a one night stop a Maori ceremonial pole will be erected with rare observances.

Fireworks and a Maori meal cooked in traditional style are other attractions planned for the journey.

And as guest of honor the canoeists may have Dean Eyre, New Zealand's minister of tourist and health resorts.

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Braves, Brooks Enter Now-or-Never Series

By The Associated Press

The fans can forget those past 151 games in the National League season. It's Milwaukee at St. Louis for three, Pittsburgh at Brooklyn for three—and all of them, or any one of them could decide the pennant.

Milwaukee Braves, holding the lead by one game, need a sweep against the Cards to nail the flag without worrying about what Brooklyn does.

"It's Bob Buhl tonight. Warren Spahn tomorrow night," says Milwaukee manager Fred Haney—"and the whole darn bunch on Sunday."

The Dodgers, supremely confident all season that they would catch the Braves and repeat as champions, no longer can do it alone. The best they can do is sweep the series against the Pirates and hope St. Louis can take at least one from the Braves.

That would leave it a tie—calling for a best-of-three playoff beginning Monday in Brooklyn.

ALSTON NEEDS HELP

Manager Walt Alston sees his Dodger chances like this:

"We've got to have help. If the Cards win one, we'll be all right. We haven't any reason to give up yet." But he added:

"I'm not worried about the Cardinals easing up. The thing that worries me is that we've looked pretty lousy lately."

"Lousy" describes a 2-4 record in the last six games—a slump that dumped the Brooks out of the lead and left the race like this:

	W	L	Pct.	GBL	Left
Mil.	91	60	.603	-	3
Bkn.	90	61	.596	1	3
Cin.	89	63	.586	2½	2

Cincinnati's chances are more than slim. The Redlegs, fooling everyone and even themselves by hanging on this long, need a sweep of their two games with Chicago beginning tomorrow—and three Milwaukee defeats and at least two Brooklyn defeats to gain a tie.

The Braves, a 1-3 favorite to take the flag, although the same money will lay you 12 to 5 they don't, have picked Buhl, not effective of late, and Spahn, a 20-game winner, over Lew Burdette and the youngsters.

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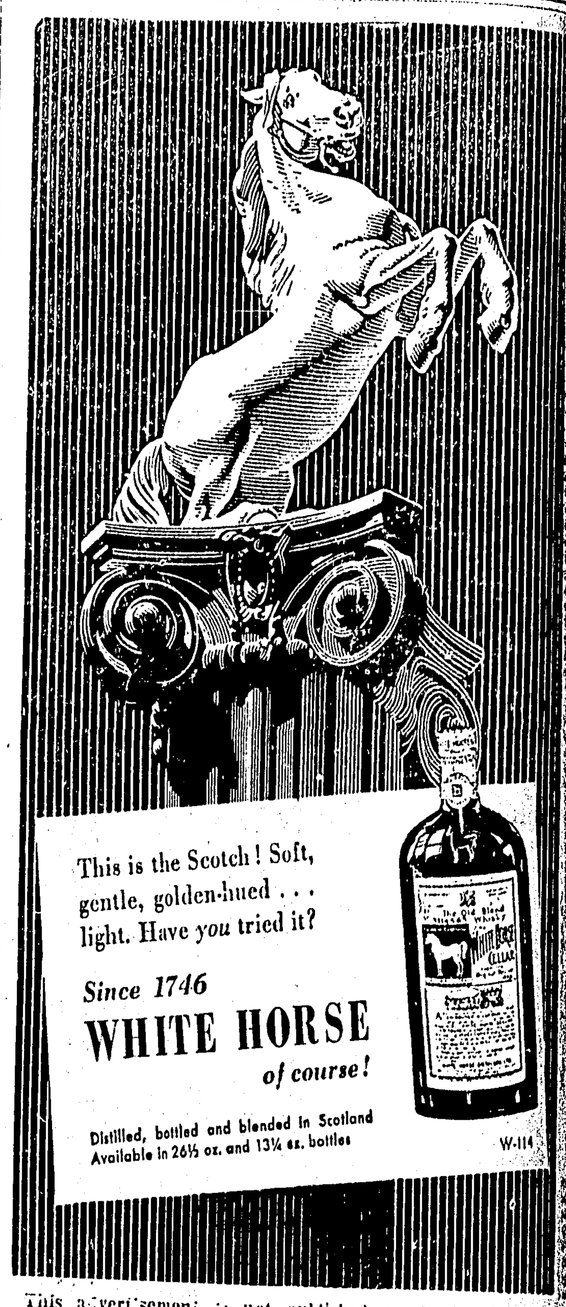

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