NHL Squads Form Association

More Security Keynote of Plan

NEW YORK (CP)—National Hockey League players, who belong to a rough-tough vocation if ever there was one, are looking for more security and thinking of their old age.

NHL players have joined the ranks of athletes who belong to union-like players' associations.

Ted Lindsay of Detroit Red Wings, president of the new NHL players' association, said Monday night following an organizational meeting that one NHL stalwart has refused to join up. He didn't name the hold-out.

"Actually, we don't have many grievances," said Lindsay. "We just felt we should have an organization of this kind."

He did say the league could stand a better pension plan.

His words recalled similar recent statements by player-spokesmen in the National Football League and the National Basketball Association. NFL owners last week refused to recognize a players' association. In the NBA, players recently agreed to put aside their association plan for three months while the league chief took a new look at grievance procedure.

A player with 10 years NHL service now can receive a maximum monthly pension of $300 at age 65. The scale is calculated on a graduated base, depending on experience. In force since 1947, the plan calls for a player with two years service to receive a pension of about $15 starting at 45.

New York will be association headquarters and officers elected besides Lindsay are: Doug Harvey, Montreal, first vice-president; Fernie Flaman, Boston, second vice-president; Gus Mortson, Chicago, third vice-president; Jim Thomson, Toronto, secretary; and Bill Gadsby, New York, treasurer.

SALARIES OKAY

Each player, except the lone dissenter, contributed $100 to the association. Lindsay said there is no complaint about the league's minimum yearly salary of $6,500.

The six-team league has 112 players, all but one, Gerry Foley of New York Rangers, being natives of Canada.

The players' pension is financed by yearly contributions of $900 from each player, the take from a 25-cent ticket price increase in Stanley Cup playoffs and partial proceeds of the all-star game.

Five Ties In Ten Games Tops Action

MONTREAL (CP) — It was a rough time for all hands last week in the National Hockey League race, what with five ties in 10 games, and the only teams to emerge with a record of better than .500 hockey were New York Rangers and Boston Bruins.

The leading Detroit Red Wings broke even but now find the resurgent Bruins perhaps more of a menace than Montreal Canadiens, who managed to hang to second place by a whisker.

The sagging Canadiens did salvage two ties out of three starts and found some indication that Jean Beliveau may be returning to scoring form. The big Montreal centre potted no goals but collected four assists and bounced back into the scoring lead with his total of 66 points. Gordie Howe and Ted Lindsay of Detroit have 64 each.

There were a couple of shuffles further down the list of the 10 leading scorers but from here in the race is generally conceded a dog fight among Beliveau, Howe and Lindsay.

The leaders:

	G	A	Pts.	Pen
Beliveau, Mtl.	26	40	66	91
Howe, Detroit	32	32	64	52
Lindsay, Det.	23	41	64	85
Bathgate, N.Y.	20	29	49	35
Ullman, Det.	14	33	47	38
Moore, Mont.	26	19	45	37
Litzenberger, Chi.	21	24	45	40
M. Richard, Mtl.	23	21	44	61
H. Richard, Mtl	13	30	43	50
Olmstead, Mtl	13	30	43	66

Penalties in minutes by clubs: Detroit 488, Chicago 586, Toronto 628, Montreal 659, New York 683, Boston 732.

Records of goalkeepers:

	G	A	SO	Avg.
Hall, Det.	52	112	4	2.15
Plante, Mtl.	44	84	7	1.91
O'Neil, Mtl.	9	32	0	3.55
Montreal totals	53	116	7	2.19
Simmons, Bos.	9	15	2	1.67
Sawchuk, Bos.	34	81	2	2.38
Defelice, Bos.	10	30	0	3.00
Boston totals	53	126	4	2.38
Chadwick, Tor.	53	144	4	2.72
Rollins, Chi.	54	169	2	3.13
Worsley, NY	51	165	3	3.23
Bower, NY	2	7	0	3.50
New York totals	53	172	3	3.24

Standings:

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Detroit	29	13	10	152	112	68
Montreal	27	16	10	161	116	64
Boston	27	17	9	142	126	63
New York	18	25	10	136	172	46
Toronto	16	25	12	125	144	44
Chicago	11	32	11	123	169	33

Pony League Get-Together Set Tomorrow

A meeting of the Prince Rupert Pony League executive will be held in the Elks Lodge tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

On the agenda will be discussion of arrangements for a proposed get-together of parents and youngsters Friday at the Armories.

President of the league, Len Harrington reported today he had acquired two movies, one on the 1956 World Series and the other on the 1955 East-West All-Star game for showing at the pre-season get-together.

Losing Title Helps Boxer Assess "So-Called Friends"

By JACK HAND

MIAMI Beach, Fla. (AP)—Since losing his lightweight title, Wallace (Bud) Smith separates his buddies and friends into "so-called buddies" and "so-called friends."

"A fellow sees a lot of changes in people," Smith said Monday after his final boxing workout for Wednesdays title rematch with Joe Brown.

As Smith has lost his title, and dropped four fights in a row, reporters asked about his condition. They wanted to know if the odds of 3 to 1 and 4 to 1 against him accurately reflected the facts.

When a fighter's career starts running down-grade, the first thing they blame are the legs. The real tipoff is how the legs respond under back-up pressure.

Smith answered it this way: "I can go, back as good as I can go forward."

Smith's poor 1956 record and his six-month layoff since dropping the championship to Brown have been blamed on "domestic problems." The fighter didn't want to discuss these publicly but he admitted they had weighed heavily on his mind.

"I found out a lot of things since I lost the title," Smith said. "Now I have an open mind when I meet people. Some people call their pals buddies and friends, I call them so-called buddies and so-called friends."

Smith appears to be a man tortured by his own thoughts. It remains to be seen how he will react under fire with his ring future hanging on the line.

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Short-handed Booth Squad Drops Two Games in Interior

A city high school hockey squad suffered two upsets over the weekend in an out-of-town tilt, losing two games to Smithers High School, 15-6 and 22-3.

Coach Ernie Novakowski reported this morning that the Smithers squad "ran all over us." He said they even had a "kid line" of 15-year-olds who made the Booth counterparts look as if they were "standing still."

Mr. Novakowski said, however, the Booth team was outnumbered.

"We only had one forward line which was exhausted after the first period." The Smithers team had three strings.

Mr. Novakowski added that almost all the city players suffered injuries to boot. He said they were covered with cuts and bruises.

Top scorer for Booth in both tilts was Dick Specht who once again showed his ice prowess by sinking five goals and an assist. Brother Ken combined on three goals.

Scorers of Saturday's game for Booth were:

First Period: Dick Specht assisted by Ken Specht and Judd Anderson. Mike Hunter assisted by Dick Specht.

Second Period: Judd Anderson assisted by Hunter, Ken Specht, unassisted.

Third Period: Dick Specht assisted by Anderson, Dick Specht.

Scorers for Sunday's match, played on wet ice, were:

First Period: Dick Specht assisted by Ken Specht.

Second Period: Ernie Novakowski assisted by Dick Specht.

Third Period: Dick Specht assisted by Novakowski and Ken Specht.

Top stars for Smithers were Art Buchanan, Don McFarlane and Hector Moore.

Booth Memorial High School lineup:

Dick Specht, Ken Specht, Judd Anderson, Mike Hunter, Ray Sklapsky, Alvin Mystedt, Larry Prou, Ron Becker and Fred Chartoniuk.

Singleton Signs With Cubs

CHICAGO (AP)—Elmer Singleton, an outstanding Pacific Coast League pitcher the last five years who is trying to make a comeback in the majors at the age of 36, today became the 30th Chicago Cub to sign for 1957.

Singleton came to the Cubs last November in the deal that also brought third baseman Ray Jablonski to Wrigley Field and sent Warren Hacker, Don Hoak and Pete Whisenant to Cincinnati.

Singleton, a righthander, had an 18-8 record and a 2.55 earned run average, best in the league, for Seattle last season. In 1955 he hurled Seattle to a PCL pennant with a 19-12 mark and a 2.20 ERA.

Smithers No Match For Bo-Me-Hi

Inability to hit the hoop coupled with inexperience, accounted for the downfall of a Smithers high school basketball squad when they were trounced 62-32 by Booth Memorial High School Rainmakers at Smithers Saturday.

Coached by Len Lavik, the city team displaying smooth teamwork outplayed and outscored the inexperienced Smithers squad.

High scorers in the tilt, for which there is a rematch pending, were: Allen 16, Duncan 11, Dick Specht 11, and Mah 10. Others playing were: Hodgson 6, Kangas 4, Campbell 2, Nelson 2, Hebb. Total 62.

—Photo by Chandler's Studio

BOBBY DONALDSON, 57-pound terror of the Civic Centre Bantam boxing classes and pupil of Dick Ayres will strut his stuff March 1 when the Centre stages exhibition card featuring its novice boxers.

Funds Sought To Send City Hockey Team To Smithers To Bring Back Kaien Trophy

Drive for donations to finance a representative city hockey squad's trip to Smithers, Saturday, February 23 to try and regain the Kaien Island Hockey Championship and accompanying trophy, was launched today.

The trophy was lost by the city to Smithers January 25, 1954 in a game at Oliver Lake. No competitive games for either the championship or trophy have been played since that date.

Booth Memorial High School playing coach, Ernie Novakowski who instituted the drive, said today approximately $150 will be required for travelling expenses.

Contributions which will be used to defray these expenses, can be sent to the Daily News Sports Department.

"We're going to win back that championship and trophy for Prince Rupert," Mr. Novakowski said grimly.

He said the city squad would more than likely be made up of the city players who fought the high school twice in recent puck games at Oliver Lake.

Lineups will be announced later.

Edmonton Fighter KO'd Quickly After Two Buddies Eliminated

BILLINGS, Mont. (CP)—Defending welterweight champion Francis LaPlane of Shelby, Mont., retained his title here Monday night when he knocked out Hal Veale of Edmonton in 11 seconds of the second round in one of the featured fights of the sixth annual Midland Empire Golden Gloves.

Two other Edmonton fighters were eliminated earlier in the meet, which attracted fighters from three western states and from Alberta.

LaPlane, who reached the finals of the tournament of champions in Chicago last year, had too much for the classical boxer from Canada.

He decked Veale twice late in the first round with chopping lefts—the first time for an eight count. Veale was saved by the bell after the second knockdown.

A less game fighter would have called it quits then but Veale insisted on coming out for the second round and was too weak to do more than swing wildly before LaPlane caught him again.

Last Night's Fights

New York (AP) — Zora Folley, 190½, Chandler, Ariz., outpointed Howie Turner, 207½, Brooklyn, (10).

Providence, R.I. (AP) — Bob Baker, 211, Pittsburgh, outpointed Toxie Hall, 199¾, Chicago (10).

Atlantic City, N.J. (AP)— Chico Vejar, 153, Stamford, Conn., outpointed Pat Manzi, 149, Syracuse, N.Y., (10).

New Orleans (AP)—Ralph Dupas, 140, New Orleans, stopped Irish Pat Mallane, 136, Waterbury, Conn., (5).

Ruperts Lose Opener

Prince Ruperts, this city's representatives in Vancouver Senior B basketball lost their first game of the semi finals of a two-game total point series 60-47 last night to Pilsners.

A wire received from captain W. H. Morrison said "The game was ragged all the way through."

The Rupert squad play again tomorrow night.

In individual scoring Fred Kristmanson topped play with 12 points followed by Dexter with 10, Ron Ciccone 6, Morrison 2, Morison 5, McKay 2, Thrasher 4, Stewart, Forbes 2, Carlson 4. Total 47.

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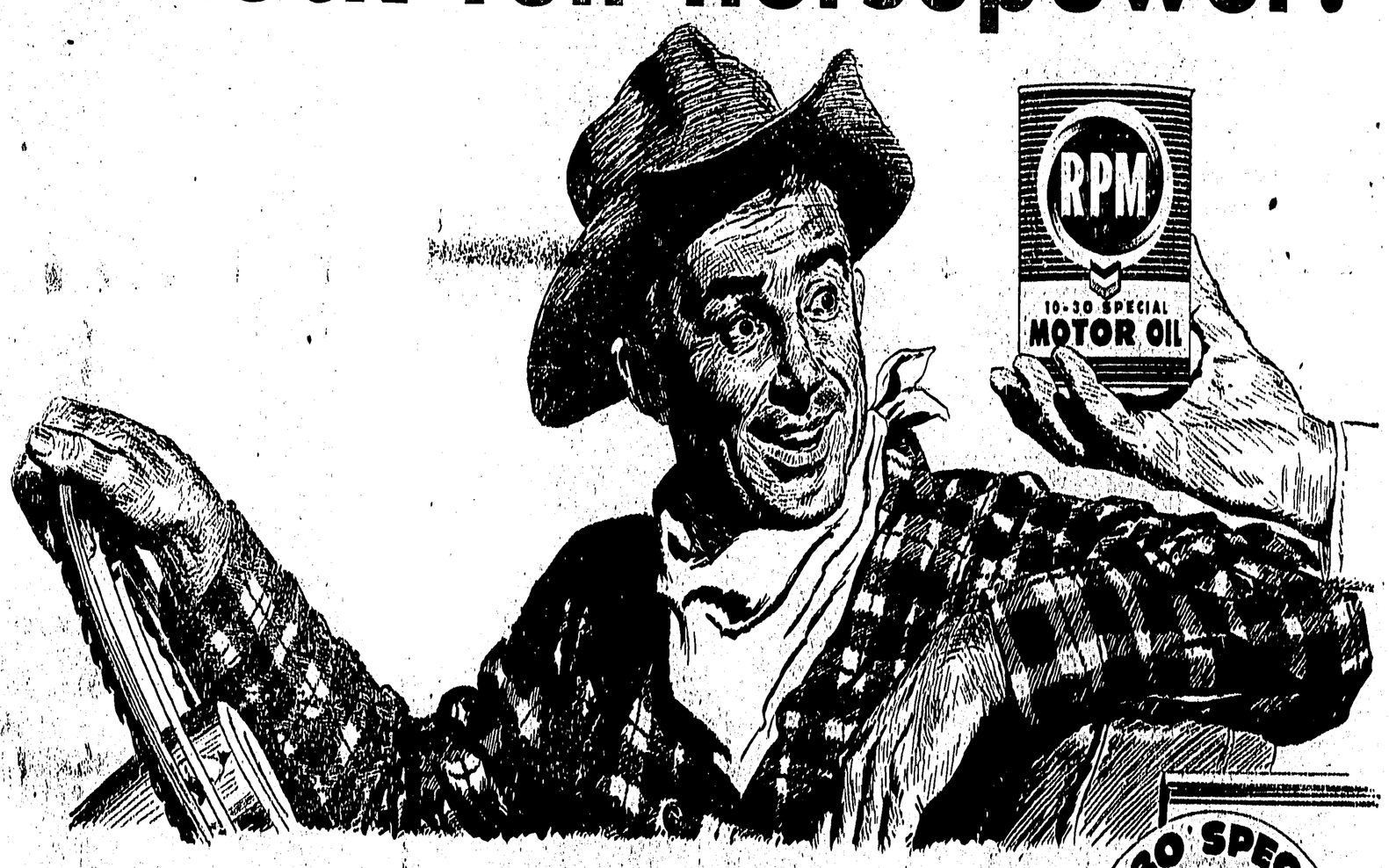

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