



CRU's New Prexy Knows Toronto Weather
Arthur Chipman, Winnipeg, will be football's top man.

'Fighting Prexy,' Chipman to Head CRU Tomorrow

By HAL WALKER

Two years ago when the Canadian Rugby Union was involved in a player squabble which it felt might meet civil court action it hired a shorthand reporter.

One of the most revealing, pungent quotes to come from the transcription was the completely honest admission by Arthur Chipman of Winnipeg . . . "there I go, opening my big mouth again. . ."

Mr. Chipman, a wealthy Winnipeg sportsman who will succeed Meyer Insky of Montreal as president of the CRU tomorrow, couldn't remember the quotes, but he conceded a shorthand reporter's notes left the reporter with a longer memory than he himself enjoyed.

"One thing I can say, if, and when, I'm elected," Mr. Chipman emphasized . . . obviously he was still wearing his scars from the memorable Winnipeg annual last year when his own Western Canada delegates gave him a large double x on the two-game Grey Cup final, "I'll be a fighting president. I'm ready for all and any questions and I might say I think some of the present CRU office incumbents are in for a surprise."

Mr. Chipman's obvious inclination to concede his election only when the photographers arrive, isn't strange in view of the strange happenings at Winnipeg last March. But the CRU couldn't have arrived at anybody more worthy, more progressive or more likable than Arthur Uniac Chipman. However, his election is assured inasmuch as the governing body of Canadian football elects its presidents on a rotation period every two years.

When Meyer Insky hands the gavel of office to Chipman tomorrow, he'll be ushering in a man who has served football so zealously and so conscientiously that he is more than a few thousand dollars out of pocket. He's handsome, stubborn and a great believer in and a worker for football's future.

Chipman has been neither a rebel nor a go-along guy with the CRU. He considers he fits where the issue can be best served and now, having no connection with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers he served as president for four years . . . and three years unofficially. . . he is ready to debate football's problems.

He does consider the voting power of the CRU is spread unfairly. He would veto the voting power of the non-operative Western Canada Intercollegiate Union until it operates a league again and the Quebec Union until it operates on a senior league basis. He considers it unfair that these leagues and the Eastern Intercollegiate, which hasn't competed beyond its own league in 10 years, should have votes which might upset the progress of Western and Eastern Big Four interests which have an investment of \$2,000,000 annually.

"Let them attend meetings and speak for what they think is progress for football. But why should they have a vote in the affairs of individuals who are committed to an expenditure of two million dollars?" he asks. He advocates a consolation Grey Cup game between the Eastern and Western runners-up, with part of the proceeds being devoted to the Ontario Rugby Football Union.

"The ORFU has shown it can't compete with the Big Four. It can compete, sure. But it isn't much competition. Ottawa lost nearly

\$5,000 bringing Sarnia to Ottawa for the Eastern Canada final. Let the ORFU admit it can't honestly hope to win the Eastern Canada final and let them have part of the proceeds of the consolation Grey Cup game," he urges.

"I regard the CRU as football's clearing house. It's the agency that speaks for all football and that's the way it should be. But we have problems. We'll meet 'em as they come along," Chipman said.

He is definitely opposed to a two-game Grey Cup final and is convinced that the spending of Canada's eight professional teams is heading them for ruin.

"Why," he exclaimed, "I know of one team in the west that has committed itself to a quarter-million dollar budget for next next season! That's out of all proportion. Two or three bad playing days and the whole setup—east and west—is gone . . . pfffft!"

"What's the answer?" he was asked.

"The unfortunate part is that nobody seems to know. Myself, I would introduce a maximum budget for teams in our big leagues. In that way you are halfway safe. But, the way it is now . . . brrr!"

Disa and data. . . . Kent Phillips, Western Canada football commissioner and a member of the CRU rules committee was telling how Scotty Kennedy, the amiable Winnipegger here for the meeting and scouting players for the Blue Bombers, put his officials in a spot last summer. . . . "We sent Scotty 30 rule books," said Phillips, "and asked him to distribute them . . . Noon hour of the opening game in Winnipeg my officials call me and tell me they haven't read the new books and 'where are they?' . . . I phone Scotty and he says . . . 'I don't need to read the rules, I know 'em,' so I threw the books in the wastebasket." . . . Yesterday's deliberations were exercised in private by the rules committee. Today the committee meets again and tomorrow all will be unveiled at the annual meeting. . . . Don't worry, a one-game Grey Cup final is assured.

DAVISVILLE SOFTBALL

Bill Corns was re-elected president of the Davisville senior softball league last night, at the organization's annual meeting. Other officers: First vice-president, Tommy Fallier; second vice-president, John MacCormack; treasurer, Bill Leper; secretary, Ben Barrington. Selection of teams for this season will be made at the Davisville Park clubhouse Monday at 8:15 p.m.