

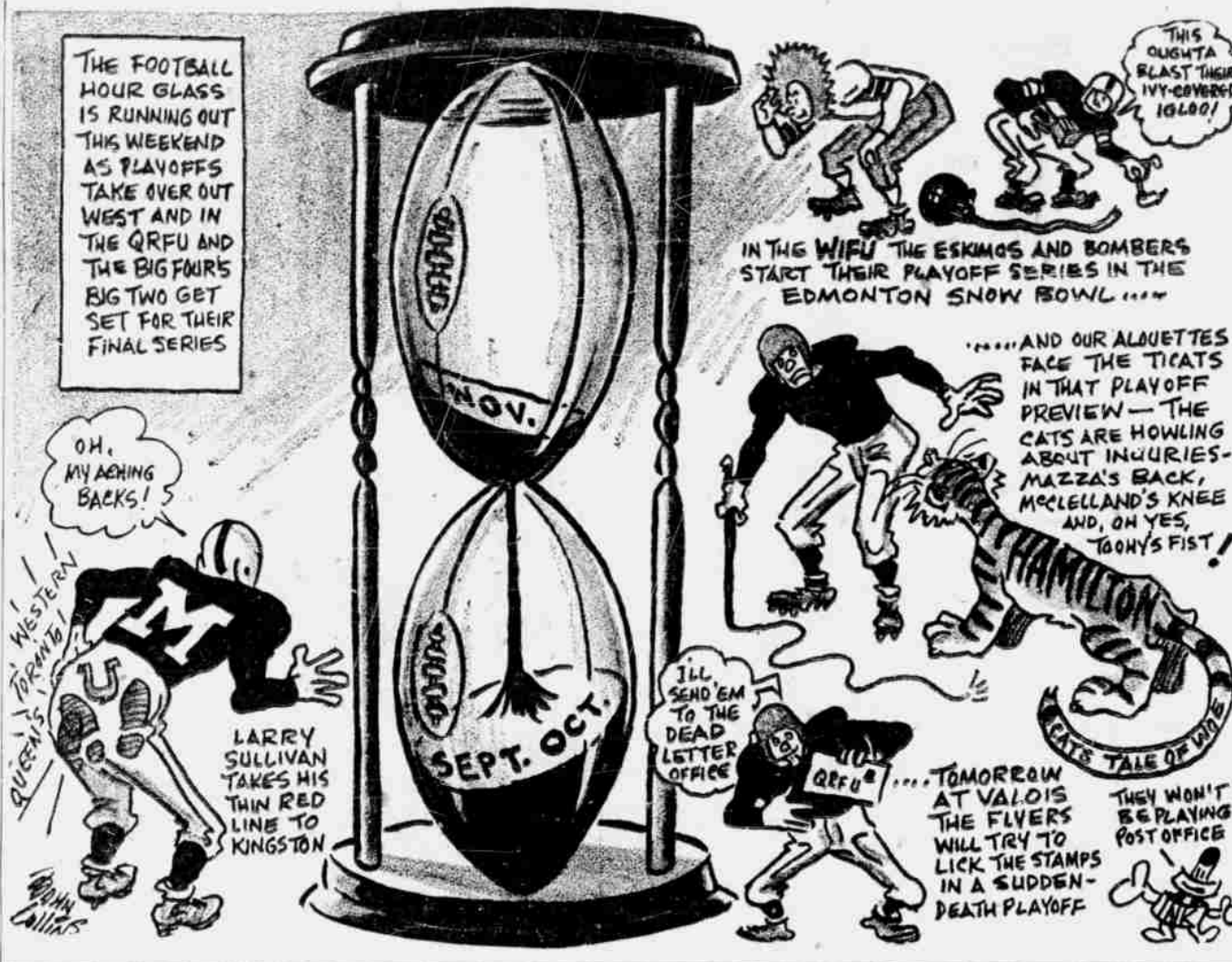
Als, Tiger-Cats in Big Four Playoff Preview Today

playing the field

by Dink Carroll

Around and About:

The McGill Daily queried 575 students, representing approximately 10 per cent of the student body, on the question of athletic scholarships. Fifty-eight per cent voted for and 42 per cent against. Of those voting for the scholarships, 77 per cent were men and 23 per cent women. Of those voting against, 71 per cent were men and 29 per cent women. . . . Joe Trimble, writing in The New York News, says there are three reasons why the American League will not approve transfer of the Philadelphia Athletics to Kansas City — (1) The anti-Yankee bloc, led by Clark Griffith, refuses to let Dan Topping push through approval of Arnold Johnson, his friend and partner in other businesses; (2) There is a growing belief among the AL owners that Kansas City would be merely a stopgap for a couple of years and would result in eventual failure; (3) Most of the magnates want to beat the National League to the West Coast cities, preferably Los Angeles. . . . Hammy Moore, veteran trainer of the Boston Bruins, predicts that Don McKenney, the Bruins' rookie forward, will develop into one of hockey's super stars. . . . Ivan (The Terrible) Irwin, the New York Rangers' leading defenseman, is the only player in the National Hockey League at the present time who was born in the United States. The event happened in Chicago 27 years ago. He is popular with the older Ranger fans because he reminds them of Ching Johnson. . . . A letter from the Brooklyn Dodgers starts this way — "Christmas is here — ahead of time! The Brooklyn Dodgers are offering you 1955 baseball tickets at reduced prices, plus a free invitation to next season's opening game, plus an Ebbets Field World Series ticket guarantee." So they're in the World Series already.



Last Year With Alouettes Says Herb Trawick But Nine-year Veteran Still Going Strong

By ED McAULEY

I think I'll pack it up after this year," Herb Trawick thought out loud. And this came as quite a surprise for Trawick has been looked upon as a permanent fixture with Montreal football teams. At 32 years of age, the stout offensive guard with Montreal Alouettes is thinking of hanging up his cleats after close to a decade of blocking, tackling and running interference, wearing Montreal's red and white in the Big Four football wars.

"I've lost some of the edge," Trawick explained. "I'm not as keen as I used to be and it's getting harder all the time to remain sharp. I don't want to injure myself for good."

Set Record Straight

Let's set the record straight. Trawick has never lacked what is politely called intestinal fortitude. Trawick and Virgil Wynner are names that have been synonymous with football in Montreal since 1946. It is hard to envision a football team from this city without these players' names prominently featured on the roster.

Trawick has acquitted himself well since first coming to the Alouettes in 1946. Since that time the busy 240-pound guard and tackle has made three All-Canadian teams and has been named to the Big Four All-Star team on six occasions.

The present edition of the Alouettes is the finest club he has played on. Asked to compare this club with the Alouettes Grey Cup champions in 1948, Trawick replied: "They'd beat them easily. There isn't too much of a comparison."

This reflects Herb's opinion on the change in the game over the past nine years.

"You know, at one time all you had to do was charge in there. Take on a pass play for instance. You'd charge into the backfield intent on getting at the passer. Now you still do that, but you have to watch out they trap you and run a man through your position. The offense is a lot smarter now than it was when I first broke in with the club," said Trawick.

Only Three Left

There aren't too many players in the game today who played in 1946, either, which attests to Trawick's durability. Aside from Trawick and Wagner, both of whom have won popularity polls with the club, Royal Copeland of Toronto Argos is the only other player in the Big Four who was around in 1946.

A quirk of fate was responsible for Trawick being in Montreal in the first place.

Bill Willis is originally scheduled to play for the Als that first year. Willis had an illustrious career at Ohio State University under the tutelage of Paul Brown. Brown took over the coaching reins of the professional Cleveland Browns after leaving OSU and spending a year at Great Lakes Naval Training Centre. A half hour before Willis was to board a train for Montreal, Brown informed him that the Browns had accepted him. Willis thereupon asked Trawick if he would fill in for him.

Trawick, having played football for Kentucky State College, was a classmate of Willis' at OSU where he was taking a master's degree in physical education. He filled in for Willis and the remainder of the tale is local football history.

"It's too bad that Willis couldn't have come here," Trawick said, "the sure was a great ball player. He's doubtful if Willis would have bettered Trawick's consistently fine performance."

Having played under both American and Canadian codes, Trawick figures that the Canadian game as it is now played is just about right. "I wouldn't change anything," he said. Adding unlimited interference to the game doesn't help as much as you'd imagine. The backs have inter-

ference for 10 yards at present and that's about all they need. If you look closely, seldom will you see any interference after that 10-yard zone. Sure if the runner dips-doodles all over the field, the interference comes in handy, but I don't think on the whole it makes much difference.

"Another thing that people have been talking a lot about is protection for the punt receivers. I wouldn't change that either. If you're going downfield under a punt, you have to stop and allow the receiver five yards. That in itself is enough protection because you're thrown off stride and the runner has a chance. Only occasionally will you time it right and really beat the receiver."

Job Gets Tougher

The unsung role of a lineman has become increasingly difficult, Trawick pointed out. "What with all this sliding, looping and slanting plus the fact that we're getting better American backfielders every year, the lineman has to be more alert. The varied offensive formations also add to the lineman's troubles."

Herb thinks that Hamilton has the toughest line in the league to cope with, which should come as no surprise. "People have been saying that the Alouettes are a slow starting team. Well we are. The reason for this is that it takes the boys a while to get fired up. In my own case, say I'm playing opposite Scott (Vince Scott of Hamilton Tiger-Cats). It takes me a while to figure out his style. He'll give me trouble for a while until I have him figured."

Trawick enjoys playing with Ray Cicia. They do a lot of kidding out there on the field. While on the subject of Alouette players, Trawick tossed a bouquet in the direction of Bruce Coulter. "There's a player that's overlooked. He calls our pass defense and does a good job of it too. Offensively speaking, Bruce can't throw with Sam Echeverry but he's every bit as good in the other departments. We've got good Canadian boys on the team."

He also had kind words for Joey Pal. Trawick was around when Pal first joined the club and has watched him develop into a first-class backfielder. Trawick believes that Pal was helped immensely by being exposed to first class American talent and fine coaching.

Trawick has come up with better touchdowns in the nine years as an Alouette, one of them in the 1949 Grey Cup game.

Should Herb retire at the end of the season, he'll attempt to set up an insurance business and do a little wrestling to keep in shape.

"You know, I never would have made the team this year if I hadn't wrestled last year. It kept me in shape during the off season."

Married with two daughters, Herb plans to make Montreal his permanent home when his football days are over.



The Q.R.F.U. is nominating Joey Pal as Montreal's outstanding athlete of the year and the Province of Quebec Soccer Football Association is nominating Eddie Quinn as the city's outstanding sports executive. Eddie has gone out of his way to help juvenile sport in the Town of Mount Royal. . . . In his book "Child Of The Century," Ben Hecht has this paragraph on Gene Fowler, who preceded Dan Parker as sports editor of The Daily Mirror: "He favored the stamping grounds of sportsmen, athletes and checkpoints of all trades. His eye was for the lowly and the confused. He brought to them a great compassion masked in jest. All this appeared later in his writing — a lust for existence void of the affliction that often marks the professional 'life lovers' who take to fiction. Gene wrote as he had lived. No self-adulation, no hammy posturing as the authority on manly pursuits that he was, disturbed his prose." . . . Frankie Robinson, who played for the M.A.A.A. Winged Wheelers when they won the Grey Cup back in 1931, is around again after a siege in hospital following an operation on his knee for an old football injury. . . . Billy Innes, a great figure in minor baseball in this area for many years, died yesterday at the age of 79. Billy was called the "Canadian Connie Mack." His funeral takes place Monday at 2 p.m. from the D. A. Collins Funeral Parlors at 5300 Sherbrooke street west.

Boom Boom Geoffrion is going after his 100th goal this weekend in games against the Detroit Red Wings and the Boston Bruins. He now has 98. . . . Is Canadian football becoming too much like basketball? Is the standard of soccer declining in England, or are the Russians and Hungarians improving? Is cricket an overlooked game in Canada? We heard it all debated at a reception on the S.S. Saxonia, the sleek new Cunard, on Thursday, but the debates ended in stalemates. . . . Jimmy Skinner, the new coach of the Detroit Red Wings, says the N.H.L. looks tough this year because it has good balance, but he still rates Canadiens as the team to beat. . . . The YWCA Ski School re-opens on Monday with Vic and Joan Allen conducting the classes. Both are graduates of the McGill School of Physical Education and Vic is past director of the Canadian Ski Alliance. The course will include instruction in ski techniques and proper equipment, as well as conditioning exercises to prepare for the winter skiing. The course is open to both sexes and registrations are still being accepted at the Y on Dorchester street. Incidentally, Vic is ski editor of The Gazette. . . . Tommy Thompson, who was named as a quarterback and assistant to Coach George Traffort by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers last season, has landed in the same spot with the Chicago Cardinals. Those T formation quarterbacks go on forever. Tommy is now 36.

Writes Jack Park, sports editor of The London Free Press: "We suggest that McGill's football-loving alumni decided to do a bit of quiet recruiting, there isn't anything the schools could do to stop them, providing the boys had an acceptable academic standing." Now, what's the name of that university in London? . . . The National Collegiate program of controlled football in the United States is dead because of disastrous financial experiences this season. The network involved (ABC) has lost a reported \$2,000,000. . . . Jack Larente, who drove Lucien (Sherbrooke) Dugre's horses in harness races at Boston and New York tracks last summer, is being married in January. Ditto Manny Spivack, the former south-paw boxer, who will marry Miss Trudy Storf in December. . . . Albert Trotter, publicity director of the Montreal Orfuns, thinks Lynn Hisecock, offensive end with the Orfuns, can't miss the Q.R.F.U.'s All-Star team. During the season he caught 17 passes for a total of 312 yards. Two of the passes went for touchdowns. . . . For the last month letters and phone calls have come to this office asking who, what, why, when and where is the Floyd of Rosedale. Here's the answer: Each fall, Iowa versus Minnesota for the Floyd of Rosedale. . . . Quote from the Dodger's Fresno Thompson: "Let that Tebbetts (Cincinnati Redlegs) have his pick of two pitchers in the league and he would have a lot to say about the final standings in 1953."

Larry Grigg Returns For Battle of Lines

Although the issue at stake is largely sentimental, since both principals are already tagged for a two-game, total points playoff for the Big Four Football Union title, Montreal Alouettes and Hamilton Tiger-Cats will strut before an estimated 20,000 red-hot gridiron customers this afternoon at Molson Stadium.

It promises to develop into another outstanding scrimmage-wall battle between the two top winglines of Eastern Canada. The balance of power here will decide the outcome.

Kickoff is at 2 o'clock.

According to the tearful casualty reports out of Hamilton, coach Carl Voyles will swing the Grey Cup tildeholding Tiger-Cats into action without Les McClelland and Vince Mazza, two of the country's outstanding block busters. They join Pete Neumann, aggressive homebred defensive end from St. Catharines, Ontario, who was sidelined recently with a broken ankle.

Larry Grigg, the freshman from Oklahoma will be Montreal's ninth import in uniform. He'll operate both as a backfielder and as a defense patrolman, assigned to pick up the slack left in the club's pass umbrella through the loss of Hal Patterson. Larry sprained an ankle in Montreal's last engagement with Argonauts in Toronto. Coach Peaking Walker has been working Grigg and Chuck Hunsinger as pass defenders in the spot guarded by the versatile Patterson.

Hamilton boasts of a strong wingline despite the absence of Mazza and McClelland. The Canadian champs play a much similar game along the forward wall as the Alouettes. They have two outstanding defensive guards in Eddie Bevan and Vince Scott; a much underrated tackle in Frank Dempsey; and a formidable front liner in Bill Quinlan, the former Michigan Staler.

Alouettes should win with two scoring touchdowns to spare. But success depends on the ability of the Montreal wingline to blanket passer Sam Echeverry. Hamilton has probably the best reserve of homebred players in the country and it could come up with an inspiring performance in this last home game of the regular schedule at Molson Stadium. This could spell trouble for the Alouettes, who unloaded an unprecedented string of breaks into a scoring circus at the expense of Tiger-Cats here in the last meeting of the teams. This included Patterson's touchdown run from a kickoff; and a 105-yard gallop from a pass tossed by Echeverry at the Montreal goal-line.

Mathematically the Tiger-Cats have a chance to finish in a first place tie with the Alouettes. In such case the club with the better for-and-against scoring average would have the choice of the venue for the first game of the playoffs. As the matter now stands the total points series will be open in Hamilton Wednesday, November 17 and back here Saturday, November 20. The Hamilton

engagement would be at night. Because of the fact that Molson Stadium's floodlighting system is inadequate for a major football game, it is unlikely that the first playoff game would be booked here, even if Tiger-Cats came up with a miracle finish, and Alouettes dropped today's game and the one in Ottawa next Saturday. The playoff opener in Hamilton Nov. 17 doubtless will be scheduled under the area.

Although the advance has eased off during the week after a record ticket rush Monday and Tuesday, there is every indication the popular Alouettes will have a grandstand-sellout this afternoon.

The Battle of the Goalposts, one of the top conversational topics these days, has inspired this morning a little jangle, long after the immortal Barbara Fritchie. To wit:

"Shoot if you must, this old grey head,
But spare my country's lumber."
she said.

Big Four Union teams have decided the playoff spots and are just playing out the schedule, but in the Intercollegiate Union three teams are battling to stay in the race for the championship. University of Toronto Blues are out to break a 17-year jinx without the services of four of their first stringers. They meet University of Western Ontario Mustangs in London.

Both teams have won two, lost one and tied one so have to win to stay in the race. It's been 17 years since Varsity has beaten the Mustangs on their home field.

The Golden Gaels of Queen's University league leaders, go against McGill Redmen at Kingston in the other league game. The Gaels are favored to win.

At Toronto the Argos play host to the Ottawa Rough Riders and, although both teams are out of the playoffs, the game is expected to be a thriller; the players will be thinking of next year's job.

Varsity will be battling against odds as they meet the Mustangs. The Blues may start without the services of all-star back Phil Muntz and defensive end Frank Palermo. Both suffered ankle injuries in last week's game against McGill.

Quarterback Bill Stevenson, who hurt his arm two weeks ago, will be a doubtful starter as will end Fred Smale who is out with cracked ribs.

Ottawa, with only one win in 12 starts, will be out trying, but without the services of back Tom McHugh, who has a broken leg, tackle Don Carter, with a dislocated shoulder, and end Bill Sovalski who has a shoulder injury.

Tackle Jake Dunlap, out since mid-season with an injured elbow will be back in the line-up for the Riders.

Football

Friday's Games

OTTAWA-ST. LAWRENCE
McGill 18, R.M.C. 0

Saturday's Games

BIG FOUR
Hamilton at Montreal.
Ottawa at Toronto.

WESTERN UNION
Winnipeg at Edmonton.
(First game, best-of-three final)

INTERCOLLEGIATE
McGill at Queen's.
Toronto at Western.

Q.R.F.U. JUNIOR
Verdun at Hull (at Ottawa).
(Eastern Canada semi-final)

Sunday's Games

QRFU SENIOR
Verdun at Lakeshore.
(Sudden-death Provincial final).

Standings

BIG FOUR

Team	P	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	12	10	2	311	119
Hamilton	12	8	4	245	181
Toronto	12	5	7	247	235
Ottawa	12	1	11	103	308

INTERCOLLEGIATE

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Queen's	4	3	1	0	65	49	6
Western	4	2	2	0	32	18	8
Varsity	4	2	1	1	28	47	3
McGill	4	0	4	0	35	150	0

OTTAWA-ST. LAWRENCE

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
McGill	3	1	0	0	56	43	6
Ottawa	3	1	0	0	36	31	6
R.M.C.	2	2	0	0	47	58	4
Verdun	2	2	0	0	42	30	4
Loyola	0	4	0	0	31	21	0

Q.R.F.U. SENIOR

Team	P	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Lakeshore	9	3	1	1	179	77	19
Verdun	9	4	1	1	120	90	15
St. Lawrence	9	4	1	1	138	103	15
Orfuns	9	1	4	1	42	175	3

Sherman Calls Winnipeg in Two Games But Bookies Favor Edmonton in Opener

Edmonton, Nov. 5.—Coach Al Sherman of Winnipeg says his Bombers will win the Western Football Conference play off finals in two straight but the bookies say Edmonton Eskimos will win the first game.

The betting line for the first game here Saturday at 8:30 p.m. MST, of the best of three Western Interprovincial Football Union final is:

On Edmonton, you give 12 to 5 odds;
On Winnipeg, you ask 9 to 5 odds;

On the points spread, take your pick of the teams and give 6 to 5 odds with the Eskimos having a seven-point spread on the Bombers.

Coach Frank (Pop) Ivy of Eskimos doesn't make any predictions.

When told of Sherman's forecast, Ivy commented: "That would make us even on the season."

Sherman has something tangible on which to base his prediction in addition to the jinx that has seen the regular schedule winners—this year Edmonton—lose out in the playoffs for the last four years.

The Bombers are healthy. They emerged from their semi-final-series victory over Saskatchewan Roughriders without one serious injury. Their ailing players, who didn't see action against Riders, have had time to recuperate.

The Eskimos are still crippled by injuries despite the layoff since the regular schedule ended Oct. 25.

Ray Wilsey, all-star defensive back a year ago, who has been sidelined for several weeks with a broken arm, is definitely out. Frank Morris, guard, co-captain and all-Canadian, probably will miss all games of the finals because of an injured knee.

Frank Anderson, chosen defensive end on the all-star selections this season, will play with a broken thumb in a cast if a charley horse responds to treatment in time for him to play Saturday.

From Winnipeg came reports that Bombers are the healthiest they have been in weeks. Only serious injury on the club is the bad ankle suffered by fullback Floyd Huggins from Florida, who probably will miss the Saturday game.

Fullback Byron Townsend will return to duty after being out with a neck injury. Halfback Tommy Ford will return to the lineup, replacing rookie guard Sigi Paulson.

Bombers were scheduled to leave Winnipeg Friday afternoon by plane and work out in Edmonton.

Eskimos tapered off their workouts with a final practice Friday night.

The second game is in Winnipeg Thursday with a 2 p.m. MST starting time and the third, if necessary, at Edmonton Nov. 13 starting at 8:30 p.m. MST.

Extra Police Booked To Guard Goalposts

By BERNARD DUBE

Extra policemen and a new strategy will be brought into play at the end of the game to prevent any youths from entering at the last minute.

Outside the entrance of the Stadium, Asst.-Insp. Bill Minogue will have an increased force of 10 patrolmen on duty to prevent youths from gathering in the hope of crashing the gate.

"Some of these youths are pretty big boys and they're tough to handle. If they won't follow orders to disperse, we can have ten patrol cars on the scene in minutes and we'll pull the troublemakers in. The juvenile morality squad is co-operating with us on this. We won't lay charges against juveniles, but we'll make sure their parents know about it."

Both Stadium officials and city police declared it was impossible to prevent demonstrations altogether.

"Even if we had 3,000 policemen at the scene, they couldn't control 5,000 excited spectators," said Insp. Minogue. "The youths are the trouble-makers but the crowd adds to the confusion, particularly those who sit on the north side."

Ticklish Situation

Instead of walking back up the steps to get out, they jump on the field and cross to the south exit. The youths think the crowd is behind them and they get excited.

Everybody agreed it was a ticklish question.

"After all, you can't manhandle the customers. People at a football game are naturally excited and it's an old football tradition to carry off the goal posts, but it can have serious consequences and we can't have a repeat of last Saturday's incident."

Officials and police believe that with their new strategy they will keep things under control today.

"If we can stop the young gangs from getting in, I don't think there will be any trouble," said Insp. Minogue.

Police also blamed the crowd for inciting the youths by chanting "We want The Goal Posts."

It was learned also that a man in his twenties, who is close to the Alouettes organization, had played a leading role in last week's disturbance.

Ringleader Known

Neither Stadium officials nor police would name the individual nor say much about him, although they know who he is.

No one would say officially, but this football enthusiast was believed responsible for having police withdraw from around the goal posts and allowing the crowd to go ahead.

The man was one of the first on the field and apparently whipped the youths into greater fervor.

It is not known if anyone at the Stadium or in the Alouettes organization has taken steps to make the man control himself, but there is no doubt that officials consider him a potent force behind demonstrations after games.

Officials said policemen would be on a sneaking in the Stadium to stop youths from sneaking in and also that ticket-takers

Siasons President Of Quebec 'Spiel

Quebec, Nov. 5.—Art Siasons, past president of the Quebec Victoria curling club, last night was elected president of the 1955 Quebec International Bonselpiel.

The annual week-long bonspiel gets underway Jan. 30 with 120 teams from all parts of Canada and the Northern United States taking part.

Siasons succeeds Paul Chaput, who resigned to become the bonspiel's representative on the Comité Carnaval d'Hiver de Quebec (Quebec Winter Carnival Committee).

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