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KENDALL'S KORNER

Three down, 29 to go



Well, so far we've lost Marc Tardif, Bernie Parent, and probably Bobby Orr.

Team Canada named 32 players to its roster last week, and if Orr can't play, they are already down to 29. But, look at the bright side, if we don't win, we have a built-in excuse — plagued by injuries.

With Parent out of action, Canada's four coaches now have the tough decision of who to start in goal. Ken Dryden, Glenn Resch, Gerry Cheevers, and Rogatien Vachon are four of the best goalies in pro hockey, that is why they were picked. But, can they do the job against the Russians.

Dryden has never looked good against the Russians, and although Cheevers played well in the 1974 series, Canada still lost. However, you are not likely to see Resch or Vachon get the starting assignment. Bet on Dryden.

As far as Orr goes, the owners of Chicago Black Hawks, no matter how much they love Canada, will likely be 100 per cent opposed to letting Orr play in the September series.

Hawks have millions of dollars invested in Bobby's knees and to risk losing him because of an injury in an exhibition series is unthinkable. For the first time since the other Bobby (Hull) defected to the WHA, Chicago may be playing in front of full houses next season, if Orr is healthy.

NEW YORK FAN

Only you New York Yankee fans know how lean the last 10) years have been.

The days of Whitey Ford, Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Yogi Berra, Elston Howard, and company are long gone. During the past couple years, Yanks have taken a run at the pennant, but never quite made it. But, this could be the year.

Yankees are currently eight games up on second-place Cleveland Indians in the American League's East Division. Barring a major disaster, or a red-hot streak by Boston Red Sox, Yankees should win the division.

Ten years isn't so long to wait for a trip to the World Series, unless you are a Yankee fan. Can you imagine Montreal Canadiens going 10 years without getting their names inscribed on the Stanley Cup? Same thing!

Our boys appear to have it all going for them this season. They have the pitching of Catfish Hunter, Sparky Lyle, Ken Holtzman, and Dock Ellis; the hitting of Mickey Rivers, Louy Piniella, and Chris Chambliss; and the power of Thurman Munson and Craig Nettles.

Come October, let us hope the pinstripes are there.

ON THE LOCAL SCENE

... Vernon Minor Hockey Association is now accepting coaching applications for the 1976-77 season. For an application, or further information, phone John Doyle at 542-2301.

... Vernon Boxing Club Coach Don MacDonald says without the help of several people, the club would not be flourishing as it is now. On behalf of the club, he expressed thanks to Block Bros.; Army, Navy, and Air Force veterans; Nick's Kandy Kitchen; and Marj and Jack Graves.

... Vernon Vikings' Coach and General Manager Joe Tennant was scheduled to meet with Vernon City Council today to discuss the huge bill the team owes to the city. Before Vikings can get any ice time next season, the bill of \$5,597 must be paid.

... Vernon Rugby Club has finished its spring season as a much-improved team. Under Coach Terry White, the Vernon squad improved 100 per cent and could be the team to beat when the Okanagan League resumes play in the fall.

Victoria player to miss a month

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP) — A young hockey player will sit out the first month of the season this year as the penalty for an assault in a game last January.

The judge, Pat Dohm of county court, said any other players may not be dealt with so lightly.

"However, the next person who passes through my court will not be treated in this fashion," Judge Dohm said after giving a conditional discharge to Archie Henderson, 19, of the Victoria Cougars of the

Western Canada Hockey League.

Henderson was ordered by the judge not to play in any league game until Nov. 1.

The charge against Henderson was laid after a game in Kamloops Jan. 25 between the Cougars and the Kamloops Chiefs. While skating toward the penalty box, after a fight with Kamloops player Dave Robinson, Henderson punched another chief, Larry Lestander, in the face.

Lestander was knocked unconscious by the blow and sustained a concussion.