

BROCK ASKS TO BE TRADED

WINNIPEG (CP) — Quarterback Dieter Brock said Wednesday he has written Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League asking to be traded.

From his home in Birmingham, Ala., Brock, 28, told a Winnipeg radio station he didn't want to return to the team, where he has played for six seasons.

Winnipeg coach Ray Jauch said Brock had a frustrating season last year, and it's only natural that thoughts of playing elsewhere would cross his mind.

Brock played only part of the 1978 season because of elbow and leg injuries.

Jauch said he would talk with Brock early next year as his future with the team, adding that no new plans will be made for the quarterback position.

Clippers thump North Vancouver

by THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thirteen is certainly becoming an unlucky number for North Vancouver Caps.

On Sunday the Caps travelled to Nanaimo only to get pummeled 13-7 by the Clippers.

Wednesday night the Caps had their British Columbia Junior Hockey League rivals on North Vancouver but it didn't make much difference.

In fact, things actually got worse as the Clippers scored another 13 goals while increasing their margin of victory in 13-0 that night.

The victory didn't help the second-place Clippers much as Bellingham Blazers won Wednesday's game, but it dealt with a 7-6 win over Chilliwack Colts.

John Newberry and Dave Whelan each scored three goals and added three assists while Clippie linemate Dave Robinson picked up one goal and added five assists.

Also scoring for Nanaimo were Tom Irving, Mickey Williams, Jay Larson, Steve Braun, Brian Burley and Chris Kolberg. Newberry's points pushed him over the 100 plateau as he has 46 goals and 55 assists so far this season.

Steve Charbonneau, Geoff Harrison and Jeff Wilkinson were the Caps' marksmen.

In Bellingham, Jim Miller's third goal with less than five minutes remaining gave the Blazers the victory over Chilliwack before 150 fans.

Tom McMurtry, Dave Cobern, Evan Williams and Dave Barry completed the Bellingham scoring while Doug Trznick, with two goals, and Tim Koller, Loyal Goodey, Al McVeay and Howard Schlabl counted for the Colts.

Tonight, the Clippers take on the Sekeeyes in Richmond and Merritt Centennials play the Rockets at Kamloops.

Pro boxer dies from brain injury

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York State Athletic Commission, in continuing its investigation into the death of Willie Classen, who suffered a brain injury in a fight at Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum last week.

Classen died Wednesday night in Bellevue Hospital. Former world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, a member of the state boxing commission, was with the boxer until one hour before his death.

Peter Scheetman, evening administrator at Bellevue Hospital, said Classen died at 7:42 p.m. EST. The cause of death was believed to be hemorrhaging in the brain.

Jack Prendergast, commission chairman, issued a statement for the Classen family and we will do all we possibly can to assist them in this time of need.

"We are firmly resolved to do all in our power to prevent a tragedy such as this from ever happening again."

Classen, a 190-pounder, had taken an eight-count with 10 seconds remaining in the ninth round last Friday. When the bell sounded to start the 10th and final round of the 26-year-old member of the state boxing commission, he was with the boxer until one hour before his death.

The Puerto Rican boxer was knocked out in the 10th round of his bout against unbeaten Wilfredo Scypion of Houston last Friday night.

Classen's handlers, including manager Marco Minato, lifted him from the seat and pushed him out of his corner, a manoeuvre that is not uncommon. Classen never raised his hands and was battered by Scypion 106, with a left and two hard rights.

Referee Lew Eskin, who never started a count, stopped the fight at 12 seconds as Classen lay on the ring apron, his legs draped on the ropes and blood coming out of his mouth.

Seven minutes later, he was carried from the ring on a stretcher and taken to Bellevue, where he underwent 2 1/2 hours of surgery Saturday morning.

"I talked to Willie between the ninth and 10th rounds, both in English and in Spanish, and he said he was all right and he wanted to continue," said Dr. Richard Izquierdo of the New York State Athletic Commission.

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Ex-CFL star files huge suit

MONTREAL (CP) — Lawyers for Andy Hopkins, former running back with Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League, filed suit in Quebec Superior Court on Wednesday seeking \$1.28 million and interest from former team doctors Ted Percy and Lawrence Houseman.

The suit alleges that because of an "incomplete diagnosis and poor treatment" provided by the defendants after a knee injury during the 1978 CFL season, Hopkins' career was prematurely ended.

Percy and Houseman both work at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Hopkins, then 27, missed two games with the injury to his knee in 1978 and returned to finish the season, the suit says. He had to have surgery on the knee about twice a week.

He underwent surgery in January, 1977, and quit after five games that year. The suit says that only in January, 1978, did Hopkins learn of "poor treatments" administered by the defendants. He had another operation that year.

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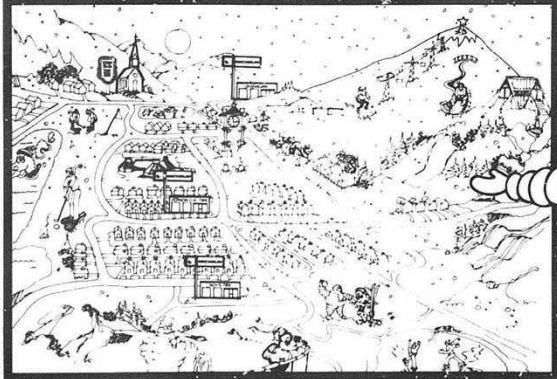
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