

Tribe's Dave Hynes a real goal-getter (again)

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DAVE HYNES

...back on target.

If your reputation has been built as a goal-scorer, you become concerned when the puck stops going into the net.

So it was with Dave Hynes before the Springfield Indians vaulted out of a slump by beating New Haven and Binghamton over the weekend.

In that comeback, Hynes regained his scoring touch, popping three goals and adding four assists as the Indians got back on the track in the American Hockey League. Hynes' performance served as an emotional lift to him and his teammates.

"It feels great because I was starting to wonder when the puck would go in again for me," Hynes said after his three-goal hat trick led the Tribe to a 6-4 win over the Nighthawks Saturday night at the Coliseum.

"There's no question we were going bad and maybe this win will be a big one for us... get us going again."

How right the former Harvard scoring ace was. Dave, who also assisted on two goals to have a hand in five of his team's six tallies, picked up two more assists in Binghamton Sunday night in a 4-3 victory. If anything that

victory carried even more weight coming as it did on the road and following a slump-breaker.

It may have just made the Indians believers again. Certainly they're in far better shape to face games with third-place Maine on Wednesday and Friday in a home-and-home matchup.

"Not scoring was really beginning to bug me," said Hynes after he had tallied only once in the last 15 games.

"I went to Gary (Dineen) after the Hershey game and asked him what he thought about my play over that stretch. I wanted to know if I was letting the team down because after all I am supposed to score goals. But, Gary told me to hang in there, that he was satisfied with my overall play and that I could contribute even if the puck wasn't going in for me.

"That conversation gave me a lift and now that I got those three goals I feel a lot better. I'm certainly not going to be as tense about things for awhile."

Dineen remembers when the Indians signed Hynes as a free agent he was introduced as a potential 30-40 goal scorer.

"That had to put extra pressure on Dave but I told him that I was in no way disappointed with him. Don't forget Andre Peloffy didn't

have any goals until I put him and Hynes together. And then he got something like six quick ones and Dave was responsible for setting up at least four of them.

"I'm pleased Dave broke out and it's going to help him and that will help the team even more."

Credit Hynes, too, with not quitting. Although he's one of the best shooters in the American Hockey League he drove himself hard in extra shooting drills. He had hit five or six posts which means he had missed maybe by only an inch or less in several games.

The Indians may unveil a newcomer Wednesday night in Portland against the Mariners. He's a big one—Jeff Carlson—the eldest of the three Carlson brothers.

Jack and Steve are playing with the New England Whalers although the latter started the season with the Indians. Steve was called couple of weeks ago as an emergency replacement, but injury problems the Whalers have had has kept him up ever since.

Jeff, 24, was the odd man out this fall when after finishing the season with Utica in the North American Hockey League, he wasn't invited to any major or minor camps.

"I don't know what the answer is but ever since I made the movie 'Slap Shot' with my brothers, everything's gone wrong for me," he said after working out with three of his new teammates.

"I was in Minnesota building houses when Steve called me and asked me if I wanted to play in Springfield. I hadn't skated but a couple of times with a Senior B team but I decided to come.

"I may get some ice time Wednesday night. I'm not sure because nobody's told me. But I think I can make it in this league okay although I'm not the greatest skater. I'm here for something like a 10-game trial."

Playing it rough and tough is Carlson's style much like his brother Jack, who without question is one of the top three toughies in the WHA.

Jeff is 62 and about 210 but he'd like to get down to his best playing weight of 198. He's had some stormy brawls recently as last season when he drew an 11-game suspension as an aftermath to one of them.

The Indians have been at a disadvantage by having only one righthand shot among 12 forwards. Now the Tribe has two. If Jeff makes the grade the Indians also are sure to have more punch.

Hey Steve, turn around

CHICAGO (UPI) — Punter Bob Parsons, once a quarterback for Penn State, has a perfect passing record for the Chicago Bears this year, but it's doubtful any of his completions helped more than his one for one performance against Tampa Bay Sunday.

Parsons, back to punt in the fourth period, instead threw a perfect pass to wide receiver Steve Schubert, who turned the play into a 32 yard gain on fourth down to the Tampa Bay 17. It set up the only Bears touchdown in the 10-0 victory.

"They put on the 10 man rush," Parsons said, "so I had the option to throw. There weren't any signals. Steve has to see it, too. Nobody was covering him, so when he turned around I passed the ball."

"I had to wait and see if he turned around. If he didn't turn, I would have had to kick it."

The completion to Schubert gave Parsons a four for four record for the season, all on passes thrown when he was back to punt, for gains of 61 yards.

Schubert has become an unlikely hero for the Bears because his duties have been limited to playing special teams.

Yet, the former University of Massachusetts star has been the key to two Chicago victories. In the season opener Schubert returned a punt 70 yards for a touchdown in a narrow victory over the Detroit Lions.

And on Sunday, his heads-up play on Parsons' pass gave the Bears the edge they needed.

Schubert, who leads the NFC in punt returns with an 11.9 average, failed to stick with San Diego before catching on with the New England Patriots in 1975.

After one season the Patriots let him go and, after failing in a tryout with the New York Jets, he stuck with the Bears as their fourth receiver and punt-return specialist.

Schubert caught four passes last season and two of them were thrown by Parsons from punt formation. Sunday's catch was Schubert's fourth of the season, and second from the punter.



UPI Telephoto

The snow that fell in the northeast on Monday caused trouble for most people who were faced with slippery roads and driveways that must be shoveled. For skiers however, an early winter gives them a few extra weeks to enjoy their sport. This skier does his thing at Hunter Mt. in the Catskills.

Pro football . . .

Get the guy some glasses!

By CARLO IMELIO
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The official scorer at the Falcons-Patriots game Sunday in Atlanta apparently couldn't decide if Mike Haynes was Stanley Morgan or Raymond Clayborn was Mike Haynes.

And unless the statistician for the National Football League adjusts the "official" account of the game, Clayborn could be cheated out of the NFL's kickoff-returning championship.

Clayborn, a Patriot rookie, returned two kickoffs against the Falcons for a total of 106 yards. The second one was carried back 100 yards, and although he lost some of them because of a penalty, 78 counted.

The problems is that the official scorer credited both returns to Stanley Morgan, another Patriot rookie.

Haynes, meanwhile, returned two punts for 18 yards—but they were credited to Morgan, whose average of 14.4 would suffer unless the situation is corrected.

Clayborn (28.7) currently trails only Miami's Tony Davis (30.2) in the race for the league championship. Should Sunday's two returns not wind up in his column, his average would revert to the 26.7

mark he had going into the game.

Morgan, a prime candidate for AFC rookie-of-the year, leads the NFL in punt-returns—having overtaken Houston's Billy "White Shoes" Johnson on Sunday.

Unfortunately for Houston's Rob Carpenter, all the publicity Dallas' Tony Dorsett has received since winning the Heisman Trophy (plus outstanding play) virtually assures the latter of being named the NFL's offensive rookie-of-the year.

Carpenter, a rookie out of Miami of Ohio, has played nearly as well as Dorsett, but has not received nearly as much attention.

Fullback Sam pays a visit

New England Patriots fullback Sam Cunningham will be signing autographs and talking football with fans this evening (5-7 p.m.) at Ray Stone's Pontiac - Buick, Route 20, Westfield.

The personal appearance has been arranged through WAQY Radio and the auto dealership.

Cunningham, 6-3 and 230 pounds, has emerged as one of the top fullbacks in the National Football League and needs only 102 yards in the team's final two games to reach the coveted 1000-yard plateau.

He was a first-round draft choice in 1973 out of Southern California. Possibly the best blocking fullback in pro football, Cunningham this year also leads the Patriots in rushing with 892 yards, and in receiving with 38 catches.

WAQY has arranged for Cunningham to appear in Hartford (Herman's West Farm Mall) from 3-4:30 p.m.; and at Enfield Square from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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Crippled Whalers run hot and cold

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The New England Whalers failed to sustain any consistency over the weekend as nagging injuries to several players took their toll.

The Whalers snapped a five-game winless string in convincing fashion Friday night in a 4-1 win over Winnipeg but flattened out the next night at home against Cincinnati while losing 5-2.

"We lost the game and also lost defenseman Bill Butters again," Jack Kelley said Monday. "Butters re-injured his shoulder and we've had to call up Bryan Maxwell from Binghamton in the American Hockey League."

Even when the Whalers streaked to the top of the World Hockey Association standings Kelley was concerned an injury jinx might befall the team. Now that time is upon them.

Butters, Tom Webster and Mark Howe all remained behind when the team flew out from Bradley Field Monday afternoon. Butters was scheduled to go direct to Indianapolis where they face the Racers tonight in the opener of a three-game road trip. However, that city was closed to air traffic as was Buffalo. The alternative plan was to fly to Atlanta and try and get into Indianapolis some time today. If that becomes impossible because of the weather then the tonight's game will be postponed and the Whalers will go on to

Birmingham where they meet the Bulls in successive games on Wednesday and Friday.

"Our injuries haven't been major ones like a fracture but it's still disruptive," Kelley added. "We're just not scoring goals and it's guys like Webster and Mark Howe who you know are going to score almost every other game that you need in the lineup. And Butters' loss is felt, too. He's tough defensively, blocks shots and does some of the other things that are important to a team."

Racers get Goldworthy

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Bill Goldworthy, nine-year veteran of the National Hockey League, has been acquired from the New York Rangers by the Indianapolis Racers of the World Hockey Association.

Goldworthy, a 6-foot, 200-pound right winger, played eight years with the Minnesota North Stars before going to the Rangers last year. He scored 283 goals in the NHL.

"Having Goldy here will mean a lot to this team," said Racer Coach Ron Ingram. "His size up front will help us in the corners and his goal scoring is already proven."

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