

So much for big rookie bluff!

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All it proved, really, was that the Canadian Football League's threat to go entirely with rookies if necessary was a monumental bluff.

A team that was occasionally the B.C. Lions beat a team that was never the Edmonton Eskimos, 42-18. A crowd of 16,268 — smallest here in at least a decade — said hello and farewell to a bunch of strangers they'll never see again. And when it was over, Eagle Keys wasn't much closer to assessing his team than he was before it started. "I didn't recognize any of those people out there," he grunted. That about said it all.

Because the Eskimos elect-

ed to bring a virtually all-rookie team, all evidence must be labelled inconclusive. The joy of watching the Lions' first-string offence roll up an 18-0 lead in the first quarter was tempered with the knowledge that it was running against not much at all. The first-string defence that throttled the Esks for a quarter was running at Casey Ortiz and Condie Pugh, not Tom Wilkinson and Roy Bell.

Johnny Musso, Don Moorhead, Bill Baker, Ray Nettles and a handful of others played but a quarter. Jim Young didn't play at all. As a gauge to measure the new Lions against the old western champion Eskimos it served no

purpose at all. The real Eskimos stayed in Edmonton.

To enjoy it, you had to ignore the circumstances and forget you were watching living proof that there aren't enough good rookies around to form four teams, let alone nine. Once that was established, it turned fairly entertaining.

Don Moorhead hit Lou Harris and Slade Willis for first-quarter touchdowns, the first set up by a 21-yard burst by Monroe Eley, the second by a 55-yard screen to Musso. Reserve quarterback Karl Douglas, who played the third quarter, marched for two of his own, threading a 40-yard pass to Eugene Teague en

route to one by Sonny Campbell, and lofting a 46-yarder to a streaking Brock Aynsley for another. In between there was the scrambling Robert Watigney, suddenly unloading to rookie Dave Kaduhr, who made perhaps the best move of the night to shake loose from two defenders and take the 40-yard touchdown pass. And Ivan MacMillan booting 15 and 29-yard field goals and all the converts.

Edmonton? The Eskimos were mostly Ortiz, the rookie quarterback from U of Hawaii, pitching desperately to his old schoolmate, a sliver of a wide receiver named Allen Brown who caught 10 for 144 yards and would have a lock

on the split end spot if George McGowan wasn't alive and well in Edmonton. They got two touchdowns from Earl Denny, a running back who'll be out of work when Bell and Calvin Harrell suit up; a single from a kicker named Mitchell True who is no Gary Lefebvre, and a field goal and two converts from Hans Stroka, who is not causing Dave Cutler to lose sleep.

The Esks are looking for defensive corners and will be looking harder after watching Aynsley and Kaduhr get loose last night. They've got an impressive-looking defensive lineman named LeRoy Jones, who rested up on the taxi squad last year and looks ready to play. Otherwise, with perhaps two other exceptions, say goodbye to them, audience.

Keys, who said he'd be making a few cuts today, plans to take 46 players on an eastern swing that opens Sunday in Hamilton, although there'll be a few more uncut and left at home. The second game is Wednesday in Ottawa. He has to decide on a linebacker to replace Mike Walker; he faces a difficult choice between Wayne Mathorne and Joe Fourqurean if Grady Cavness winds up playing safety; tight end is still wide open, and there's the matter of how may import running backs he'll use.

He'll get a better idea in the next three games. They're all against football teams. There's no way he could learn much last night.

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NEWCOMBE ALSO FALLS

Billie Jean really 'upset'

LONDON (AP) — Billie Jean King, of the U.S., a five-time winner of the all-England tennis championships singles crown, was upset at Wimbledon today by Olga Morozova of the Soviet Union 7-5, 6-2 in quarter-final play.

Evonne Goolagong, the winner here in 1971 and the No. 3 seed, also lost. Fellow Australian Kerry Melville beat her 9-7, 1-6, 6-2.

Mrs. King's upset followed that of the men's No. 1 seed, John Newcombe, by another Australian, Ken Rosewall. Rosewall, a three-time

runner-up here but never a winner, ousted the three-time Wimbledon winner, 6-1, 1-6, 6-0, 7-5.

This left American Chris Evert, the No. 2 seed who beat Helga Masthoff of West Germany, 6-4, 6-2, and her fiancée, third-seeded Jimmy Connors, who ended Jan Kodes' bid to defend his crown with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 victory over the scrappy Czech, as the top seeds of the tournament.

While the gallery cheered Rosewall's triumph over Newcombe, it was in a state

of shock after the demise of Mrs. King, who not only lost the match, but also her temper.

When a smash was ruled out in the sixth game of the second set, just before the Russian broke her for the second straight time, Mrs. King stopped in her tracks and glared at the linesman. "What?" she asked.

After she lost the game and before changing sides, she belted a tennis ball over the stands. She also bickered with the crowd.

In the other men's quarter-

final matches: Stan Smith also ended a rags-to-riches story by beating giant-killer Ismael El Shafei, 9-8, 7-5, 6-8, 7-5, and Dick Stockton of the U.S. beat Alex Metreveli of the Soviet Union 6-4, 7-5, 6-1.

BASELINES — World Team Tennis announced it has abandoned a \$10 million damage suit against the Association of Tennis Professionals, its officers and the Commercial Union Assurance Co. WTT originally filed the suit after Connors and Goolagong, both WTT players, were barred from the French Open.