

## Sports News Briefs

### Buffalo Sabres Dismiss Imlach, Coach Pronovost

BUFFALO, Dec. 4 (AP) — Punch Imlach, general manager of the Buffalo Sabres, and Coach Marcel Pronovost were dismissed today in a move that the front office said was taken in the best interests of the team and its fans. No replacements were immediately named.

Buffalo's National Hockey League won-lost-tied record is 8-10-6. Officials of the Sabres, who have won only once in their last six games, said that they had hired a sociologist and a psychologist in an attempt to break the slump.

The dismissals came the morning after the Sabres lost, 4-1, in Buffalo to the Montreal Canadiens. Montreal also whipped Buffalo, 8-1, Saturday night.

"My decision came after careful thought," said Seymour H. Knox 3d, the president and board chairman.

### Appeals Court Rules OTB May Cancel Accepted Bets

An appeals court ruled yesterday that the Offtrack Betting Corporation had a legal right to call off bets on a race for which it had earlier accepted them.

The unsigned decision by the Appellate Division overturned the finding by a State Supreme Court Justice in Brooklyn that five holders of winning tickets, each worth about \$5,300, whose bets were canceled, could move for recovery in the courts.

The dispute, centering on the Pick Four bets at the Monticello Raceway on April 21, 1976, stemmed from the OTB's mistaken impression that a horse had been scratched from one of the four races involved. It sold some 12,000 \$3 tickets on that assumption. When it learned late in the day that the horse had not been scratched, it canceled all bets involving that race. Five bettors with tickets that would have won sued OTB.

4½-hour match against a fellow American, Harold Solomon.

The 23-year-old Gullikson won by 2-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4, in the first five-set final here since 1967. The match at Ellis Park was suspended briefly by rain.

Solomon, seeded No. 1, had been trying for his third South African title. He won in 1975 and 1976. The match earned Gullikson \$24,000 and Solomon won \$12,700.

In the men's doubles final, Ray Moore of South Africa and Peter Fleming of the United States defeated the experienced South African team of Bob Hewitt and Frew McMillan, 6-3, 7-6.

### Female Teacher-Coaches Win \$4,505 in a Bias Suit

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 4 (UPI) — Two Stratford female teachers who filed a sex discrimination suit contending that they were paid less than half the amount men were paid for coaching sports have been granted \$4,505 in back pay and legal fees.

United States District Court Judge

Jon O. Newman, in a decision on file today, told the Stratford Board of Education to pay Lea Dixon \$1,571 and Barbara Hall \$1,234 in back pay.

The judge also ordered the school board to pay \$1,700 to the Connecticut Women's Educational and Legal Fund Inc., which represented the teachers in court.

The suit was based on their coaching three years ago, when Miss Dixon was a gym teacher at Bunnel High School and Miss Hall taught at Stratford High School.