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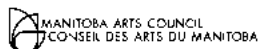
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PLAYER'S CONTRACT
AS PRESCRIBED FOR THE
National Hockey League

The _____ OF _____
WITNESSETH
That I hereby certify that I have read this contract, examined and agreed to accept the terms, conditions, and that it is regular form.

Regular Contract—
Approved—
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLAYERS AND CLUB PRESIDENTS

Every player before signing a contract should carefully scrutinize the same to ascertain whether all of the conditions agreed upon between the Player and Club President have been incorporated therein, and if any have been omitted the player should insist upon having all the terms, conditions, promises and agreements inserted in the contract before he signs the same.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
PLAYER'S CONTRACT (REGULAR)

Articles of Agreement between the *Canadian Hockey*
Club, Inc.
of the City *Winnipeg* in the Province of *Manitoba*
a club member of a League known as the "National Hockey League", party of the first part, hereinafter called the Club
and *Joe Hall* of the City of *Brandon* in the Province of *Manitoba*, party of the second part, hereinafter called the Player.

Witnesseth:
That in consideration of the mutual obligations herein and hereby assumed, the parties to this contract severally agree as follows:

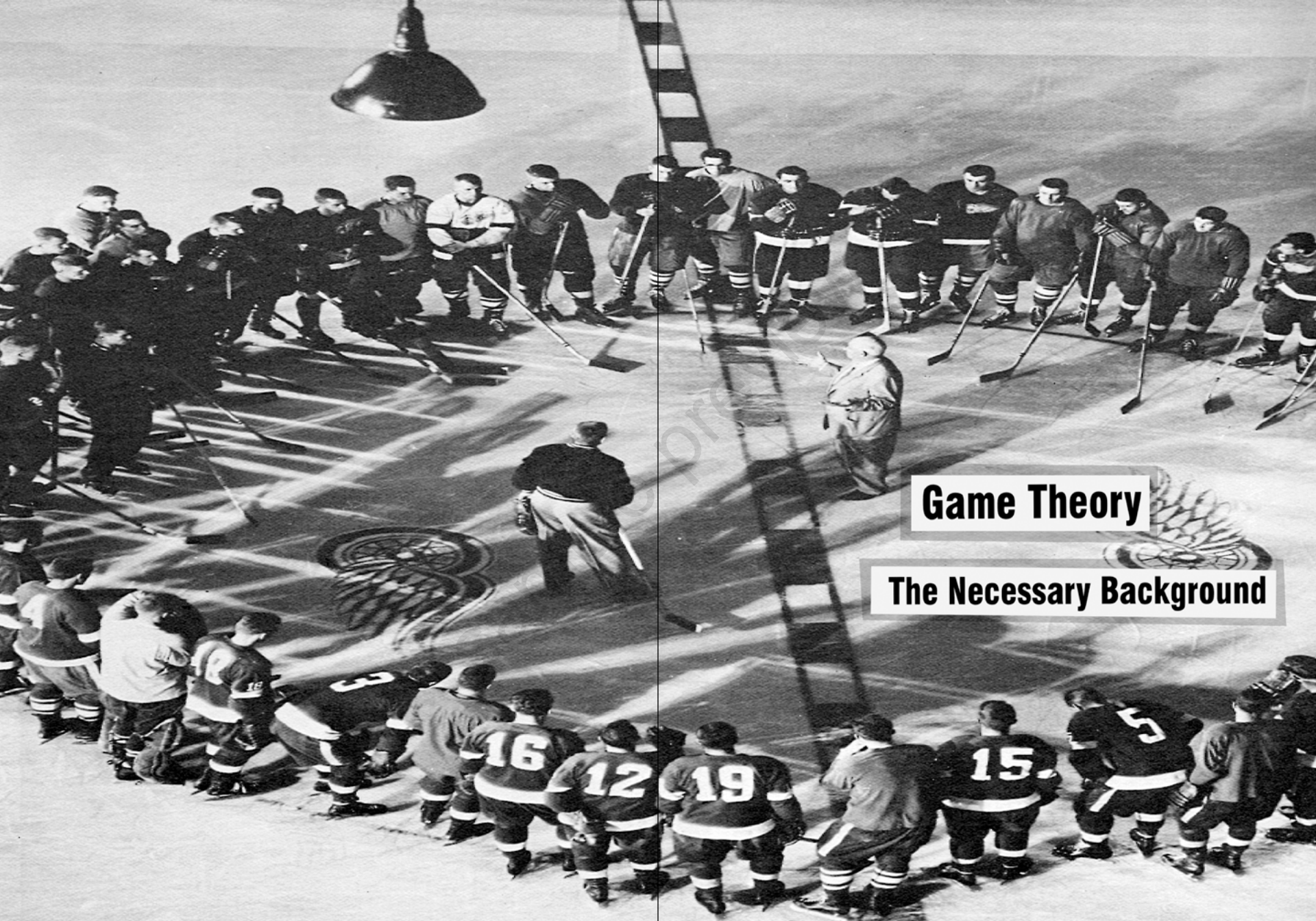
1. The club agrees to pay the player for the season of 191 *8-9*, beginning on or about the *10th* day of *December*, 191*8*, and ending on or about the *25th* day of *March*, 191*9*, a salary at the rate of *\$600.00 Six hundred dollars* for such season; and an additional sum at the rate of *\$100.00 One hundred dollars* for such season, said additional sum being in consideration of the option herein reserved to the club in Clause 10 hereof; said additional sum to be paid whether said option is exercised or not, making the total compensation to the player for the season herein contracted for *\$700.00 Seven hundred dollars*, with a bonus of one hundred dollars if the club finishes in first place and fifty dollars if the club finishes in second place.

Preface

In writing this volume I intend to employ questionable premises and use them to obtain questionable conclusions.

This may seem a goal of doubtful merit, but it is superior to its alternative.

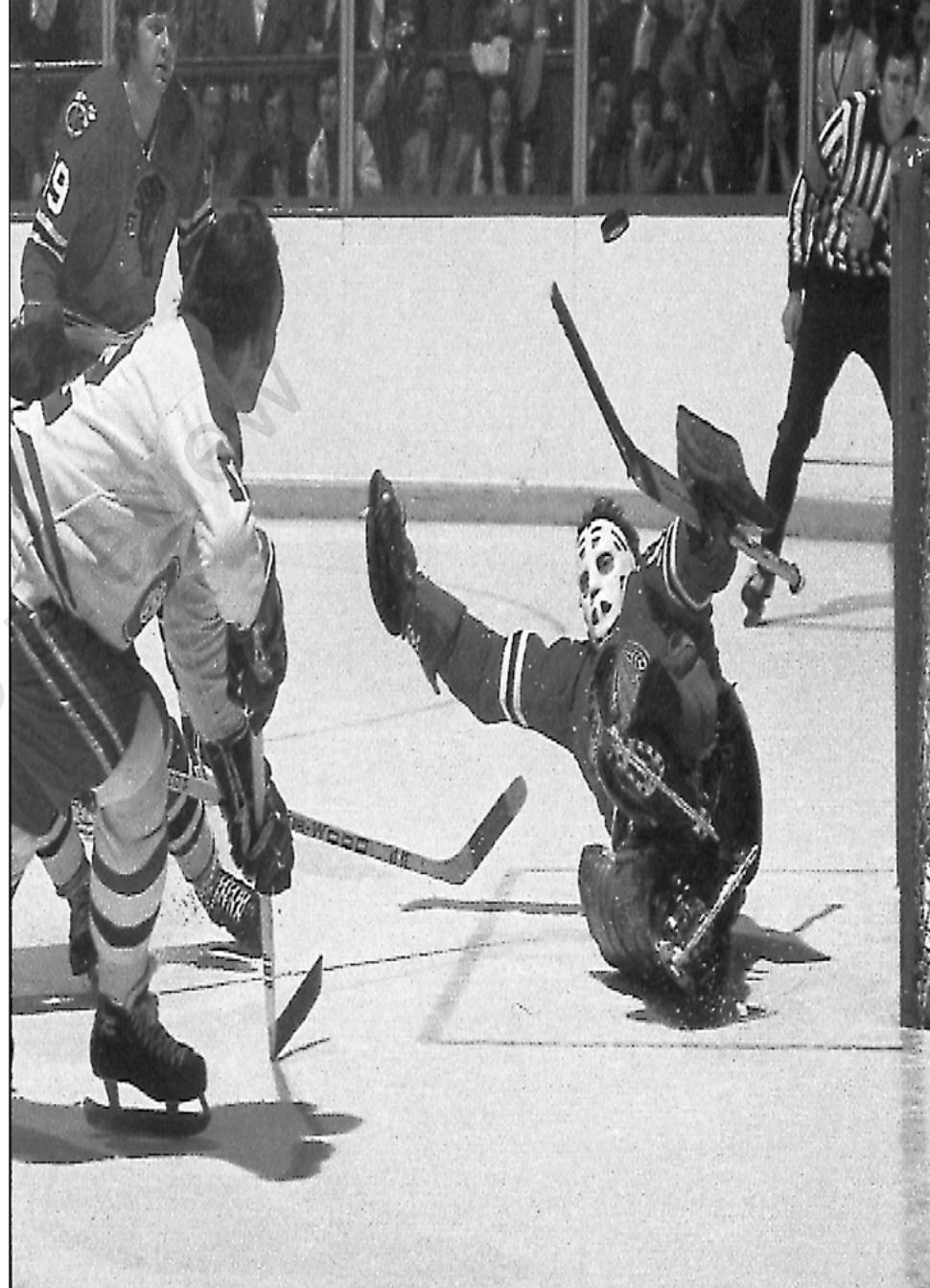
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Game Theory

The Necessary Background

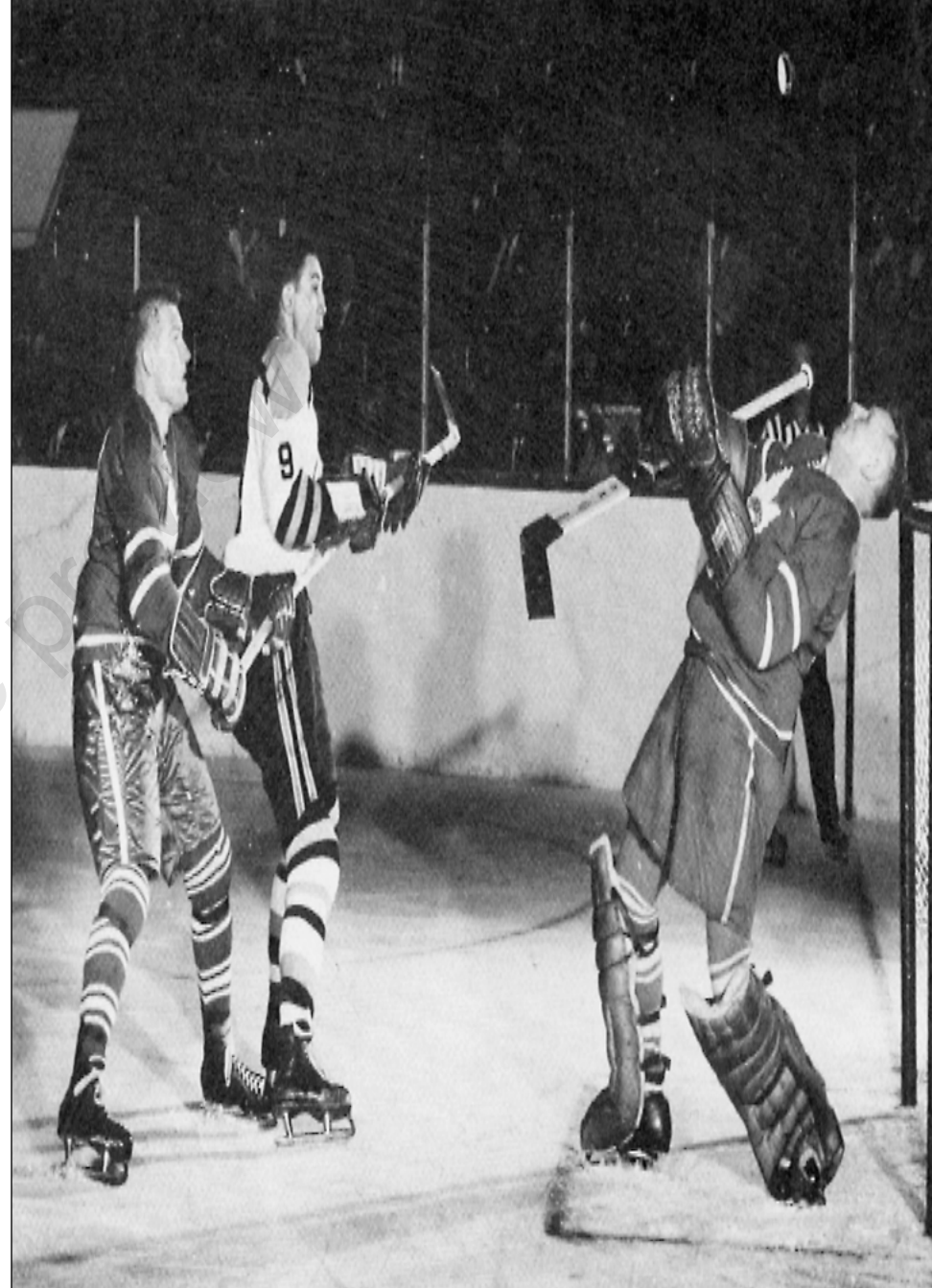
Oligopoly—like international diplomacy, labor-management negotiations, and so on—is one of the speediest and most thrilling of sports.





**All players wear long
and thick gloves.**

The crucial feature of any game is that each participant bases his decisions on what he expects the others to do, and therefore on what he thinks the others expect him to do, and indeed on what he thinks the others think he expects them to do, and so on.



“We just didn’t compete for pucks the way we usually compete for pucks.”

