

Als Sign QRFU Ace Apostolatos, Top American Import Bob Moss

Montreal's minor football proving ground — the Quebec Rugby Football Union — has provided another prospect for Canada's fast-growing professional game. He is Gerry Apostolatos of the Verdun Stampede.

The Alouettes announced yesterday they had signed the high-scoring halfback almost simultaneously with the disclosure that Coach Doug Walker had plucked his second import from United States college football by signing Bob Moss, a halfback star at West Virginia University.

The Larks picked up Apostolatos after his most successful season in the QRFU. He finished second in the individual scoring race with 65 points, including 13 touchdowns in 10 games for Verdun. He was the Stamps' leading ground gainer last year and is expected to make a serious bid to catch a berth on the Alouettes' halfline next season.

Apostolatos, a product of Westmount High School where he was an all-round athletic star, is the first of several local gridders who are expected to be invited to drill with the Als this fall.

The signing of the six-foot-one, 195-pound Moss brings to two the number of American players already in the Larks' fold. Earlier the Big Four champions announced they had inked Bob Bartholomew, a big-tackle from North Carolina.

Enthusied Over Moss

Coach Walker is extremely enthused about Moss, whom he rates as a better prospect than Alex Webster when the latter first came this way to seek grid fame with the Als.

Walker says that Moss, a native of Huntington, West Virginia, has been a football headliner for the past four years in southern college grid circles. He has participated and starred in two recent North-South bowl games,

one at Miami, the other at Mobile, Ala.

Moss travels at high speed from his backfield position. He averaged 8.8 yards per carry last season at West Virginia and 7.5 in his bowl ventures. The rangy Virginian will make a welcome addition to the Alouettes' offensive, which bogged down miserably in the club's 1955 Grey Cup defeat at the hands of the Edmonton Eskimos.

Moss thrilled U.S. football fans last fall with three scintillating touchdown gallops. In West Virginia's game with Marquette, Moss grabbed the ball and ran it back 84 yards for a TD. Later against Wake Forest he scored on a 71-yard run and toted the pigskin 64 yards from scrimmage

against a formidable Syracuse team.

Judging the big Virginian's football record, here's one player who isn't going to gather moss playing with the Alouettes.



GERRY APOSTOLATOS



Sous contrat

GERRY APOSTOLATOS, jeune athlète des Stampede de Verdun, qui a signé un contrat avec les Alouettes de Montréal, il y environ un mois, et qui tente de se tailler une place régulière sur l'équipe en vue de la saison 1956.

... The Greeks around here are not going to let the Italians hold a cheering monopoly for Abbruzzi ... They have Gerry Apostolatos to run for them with Als next fall, and Hap Holland has an added rooting interest as Gerry graduates from Verdun to the big time.

This Mr. Holland acts as Gerry's Manager, just about

- Baz O'Meara