Strasdin captures A, B events, grand aggregate

Prince George rink takes 2nd bonspiel

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A plucky Ernie Strasdin foursome from Prince George roared into the inter-high school McCracken Golden Jubilee Bonspiel Monday night from a 'spiel in Terrace and proudly staggered home today under the weight of three major trophies.

The bonspiel, the largest high school 'spiel in British Columbia this year, with 56 rinks competing, ground to a standstill about 7 p.m. last night after five days of curling.

The host Prince Rupert high school curlers failed to capture any of the four events from 13 visiting rinks.

The Strasdin rink arrived here after taking the B Event, the C Event and Grand Aggregate trophies in the Terrace Loggers' Bonspiel with 11 straight wins.

23 STRAIGHT WINS

Here they won 12 straight games to make it 23 consecutive wins to net them the A Event, B Event and Grand Aggregate (McCracken) trophies and a host of other individual prizes.

The champion rink from 500-miles east of here consists of skip Ernie Strasdin, lead Ken Giles, second Bill McConnal and third Ed Goodkey.

They were presented the awards at a banquet in Booth Memorial Junior High School activity room.

Presenting the McCracken trophy for their 12 wins in taking the Grand Aggregate was Chris Harvey, president of the Senior High School Students Council.

A event, (Sports Shop) trophy was awarded the Central B.C. crew by drawmaster Doug Kerr who in turn was presented a gift certificate by the curlers in gratitude for the hard work he did in laying out the matchs.

The McKay's Grocery trophy for supremacy in B event was handed the Strasdin foursome by curler Dot Geary, appointed by Joe McKay to make the presentations.

TERRACE WINNERS

W. D. Stothert, manager of engineering and maintenance for Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd., presented the Columbia Cellulose trophy for C event to the rink of John Gregg, Don Frank, Stien Jesson and Scotty Easton of Terrace.

"Tiny" 96-pound, 4-foot 10-inch John Fortier, 13-year old skip from Kitimat was presented the Cook Jeweller trophy for D event by donor George Cook.

Other members of the diminutive Kitimat rink are 87-pound Wayne Minifie, 12-year old Jim Mitchell and 16-year old Lynn Craig.

Golden Jubilee plaques marking Prince Rupert's 50th birthday was presented to the Glen Roald rink of Rupert by T. Norton Youngs on behalf of Dr. R. G. Large, chairman of the Jubilee Committee. Roald took second place in D event.

LOCAL AWARDS

Presentations were also made last night to winners of regular season's play in the Prince Rupert High school league.

The Lorne McLean rink of Mike McLean lead, Alice Kristmanson, second and Jack McLean, third, was presented the Lorne McLean trophy for winning A Event by the boys' father Wilf McLean.

Mr. McLean also presented the McLean Brothers trophy to the Bruce Mitchell rink for winning the league's B Event. Others on the Mitchell rink were Dave Gregory, Brian Kangas and David Allen.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Neil McDonald, introduced by popular emcee Len Harrington as a teacher-athlete told the 240 persons at Bo-Me-Hi that the bonspiel was "exceptionally successful in that the curlers showed good sportsmanship both on and off the ice."

Lorne McLean, president of the High School Curling club, told the assembly that the aid given by various organizations and individuals had helped make the 'spiel "impressively successful."

He said that next year's bonspiel should be one of the finest in Canada.

Numerous individual prizes were awarded the teams for various achievements.

In the semi-finals of the Sports Shop A Event competition, Strasdin rink accurately guarded the house in the late ends in his game with Prince Rupert's only hopeful the Lorne McLean rink, to hold off a late rally and edge him 9-7.

RALLY FAILS

McLean, in a desperate rally in the last end put two rocks ahead of the shot-rock but it wasn't enough to overcome Strasdin's early lead.

In the final A Event game with Olson of Terrace the Strasdin rink pulled into its traditional early lead and maintained it to defeat the Skeena High crew 5-2.

The Gregg rink of Terrace, with its slam-bang style of play edged the Kurdziel rink of Rupert 12-9 in the finals of the C event.

The Kitimat Fortier foursome whipped the Roald rink of Prince Rupert 13-1 to capture the D event.

Results of yesterday's play are as follows

A EVENT

12 noon—(semi-finals) Strasdin 9, McLean 7

2 p.m.—(finals) Strasdin 10, Olson 5.

B EVENT

2 p.m.—Miller 9, Gregg 7.

4 p.m.—Strasdin 5, Miller 2.

C EVENT

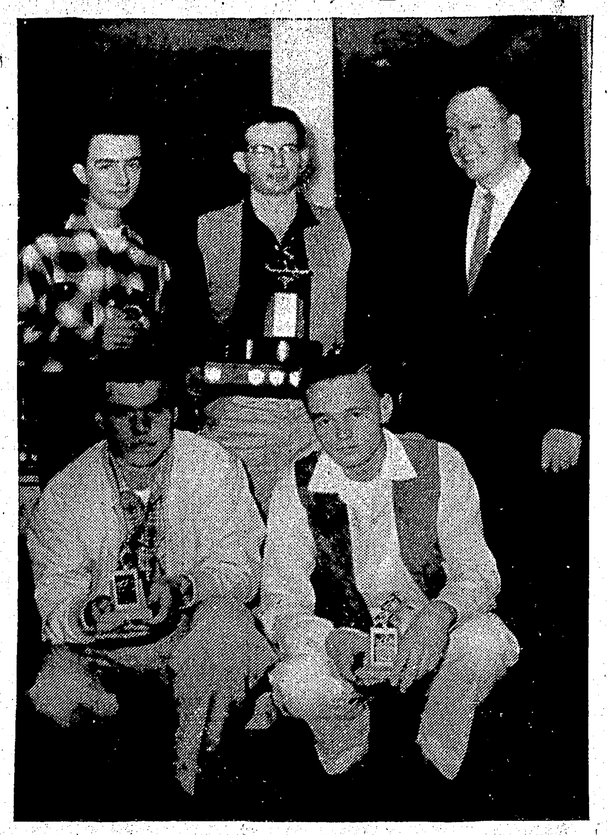
12 noon—Kurdziel 10, Kristmanson 9; Gregg 11, Greene 3.

4 p.m. (finals)—Gregg 12, Kurdziel 9

D EVENT

2 p.m.—Roald 9, P. Greene 7

4 p.m.—(finals)—Fortier 13, Roald 1.



C EVENT WINNERS, the John Gregg rink of Terrace, are pictured above with the Columbia Cellulose trophy and miniature cups. Front row left to right are Don Frank and Scotty Easton while in back row are Stein Jesson, John Gregg and Columbia Cellulose maintenance manager W. D. Stothert who made the presentations. In picture at top right with George Cook, donor of the Cooks Jewellers D event trophy is the Fortier rink of Kitimat. Left to right are Jim Mitchell, Lynn Craig, George Cook, John Fortier, and Wayne Minifie.
—Staff photos by Ken Specht.

The Canadian Cancer Society will spend over a million dollars on research and related projects during 1960.

Again this year the Canadian Cancer Society has adopted the slogan "Fight Cancer With a Check-up and a Cheque."

B.C. girls Canadian champs

HAMILTON (CP) — The west won the Canadian Senior Women's Basketball championships for the 12th straight year when Richmond Merchants of British Columbia trounced Hamilton Quigley Tigerettes 54-30 Thursday night.

Richmond took the best-of-five series 3-1.

The win was Richmond's biggest in the series.

Shuttle tourney

Annual Civic Centre Badminton tournament will be held May 1 to May 3 Rita King, publicity chairman said today.

Entry fee for the tourney is 50 cents and can be left at the Civic Centre desk. Deadline for entries is April 27.

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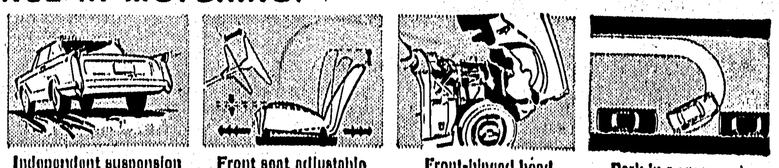

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