Rainbirds uncork tournament

Crush Kitimat in opening tilt

Prince Rupert Senior High School Rainbirds uncorked the North Zone Basketball tournament Thursday night with a crushing 39-22 victory over Kitimat girls before a screaming crowd of 500, in the first tournament ever held in the new school's gym.

They staged a second half rally good for 23 points after breaking the first half 16-16 deadlock.

In the male half of the opening night program Terrace's Skeena High School staved off a last round Kitimat drive to edge the smelter city boys 30-28.

In the first half of the curtain-raiser a tight Kitimat defence caused the Rupert girls to pass widly and shoot inaccurately.

Kitimat took advantage of the Rainbirds' instability to claim a 9-4 first quarter lead.

IMPROVE ACCURACY

In the final half Rupert coach Don Hartwig's charges improved their accuracy around the hoop, took a 23-20 lead by the end of the third quarter and outscored the Kitimat girls 16-2 in the final frame.

Gailya Grimolfson led Prince Rupert scorers with 13 points while Monica Heise with 9 paced Kitimat.

Other PRSH scorers were Kristmanson 6, Love 6, Bryant 5, Carpenter 4, Valentine 3, and Colussi 2.

Other Kitimat girls hitting the score sheet were jump-shot ace Sharon Sestrap with 6 points and Mallow with 7.

The Terrace-Kitimat boys fixture was decided in the last minute of the game.

The hard-fought game saw Terrace end the first quarter with a 8-5 lead but Kitimat came back to tie the score at 15-15 at the half and 23-23 at the three-quarter mark. With one minute and 38 seconds to go the game was deadlocked 28-28.

MISSED CHANCES

Twenty seconds later Skeena High's John Weber scored with a foul-line jump shot to give the Terrace boys the win with 78 seconds remaining. Both teams missed golden opportunities in the last minute of the game with Terrace muffing a possible 12 points on foul shots and Kitimat goofing on two.

Rod Foster with 12 points was top Terrace marksman with Weber adding 9, Hanna and Reynolds 4 each and Bass 1.

For Kitimat, Conolly topped his team with 13 points while other smelter city scorers were Orr 6, Springer 4, Stockman and Forward 2 each and Hohansen 1.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Play in the tournament resumed again this afternoon with Terrace and Kitimat girls meeting at 3:45 and Hazelton and Smithers High school boys matched against each other at 7:15 tonight.

Second game tonight, at 8:45 will see Prince Rupert's Rainmakers play their first game against Terrace's Skeena High boys.

GAILYA GRIMOLFSON
pacesetter

ALICE KRISTMANSON
. . . netted 6 points

Saturday's lay is as follows:

1 p.m.—Kitimat boys versus the loser of the Smithers-Hazelton game.

4 p.m.—Loser of the Prince Rupert-Terrace game versus the winner of a game between Kitimat and whoever loses the Smithers-Hazelton fixture.

Final game of the night, set for 8:15, will decided the Northern British Columbia championships and the team which will represent the north in the B.C. High school basketball championships in Vancouver next month.

Only girls game slated for Saturday pits Rupert Rainbirds against Terrace. Game time is 7 p.m.

Pulpmen confuse playoff picture by knocking over bakerymen 39-34

Columbia Cellulose Company basketballers further confused the Intermediate Basketball League playoff issue last night as they poured on the power in the final frame to rack up a come-from-behind 39-34 victory over Vans.

The victory forced a playoff for both first and third place. Vans were knotted for the top spot with Sunrise and had the opportunity to grab the pennant. CCC were two points out of third and the victory allowed them to catch Empress.

	W	L	GP	Pts.
Vans	8	4	12	16
Sunrise	8	4	12	16
Empress	7	5	12	14
CCC	7	5	12	14
New Royal	0	12	12	0

In a fast-paced go-round Thursday at the Civic Centre the two clubs ended the first period tied 12-12 and the half tied 22-22, before Vans staged a rally to move into the final frame ahead 30-26. Vans moved further out front 32-26, 12 seconds after the last period began.

They couldn't hold the fired-up pulpmen however and Stan Marshall pumped in the equalizer with 5 minutes, 54 seconds left on the clock.

Derek Slack broke the 32-32 deadlock in Vans favor with 2.07 left and CCC went into orbit. They potted three foul shots, a shot from just over the centre line and a layup without a reply from Vans.

R. Smith topped Vans' point-getters with 13, D. Wesch got a dozen, Gord Hayward four and Derek Slack 5.

Harlow nailed a dozen for CCC, Marshall nine, Tony Nakatsu and Lockhart six apiece, Gord Cameron four and Doug Slack two.

At the foul line, everything was even-up. CCC matched Vans' four-for-11 record.

Referees were Terry Shenton and Art Helin, scorekeeper Bill Bailey and timekeeper Allan Kelsey.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

Los Angeles (AP)—Felix (Pelon) Cervantes, 125, Los Angeles, outpointed Billy Thomas, 125, San Francisco, 12.

Boise, Idaho (AP)—Jimmy Crow, 138, Lewiston, Idaho, outpointed Jimmy Carter, 138, Oakland, Calif., 10.

Erie, Pa. (AP)—Johnny Bizzarro, 135, Erie, outpointed Tony Christy, 133, Pittsburgh, 8.

RUSSIANS BAG OF 16 MEDALS EQUALS 1956 OLYMPIC TAKE

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. (AP)—With three days left in the Winter Olympic Games, Russia has far surpassed its team point total and has equalled the bag of 16 medals Soviet athletes won in the 1956 Olympics, leaving little interest here nationally except in the men's figure skating and the hockey championship.

Canada's Don Jackson goes out today for the finals in the figure-skating championship trailing in fourth place.

On tap in the men's figure skating today is the final free-skating phase in which Jackson, a 19-year-old New York University student from Oshawa, Ont., and three-time world champion Dave Jenkins of the United States excell.

SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST

By hal sharp

GROUND-DWELLERS, TREE-DWELLERS' TRACKS DIFFER

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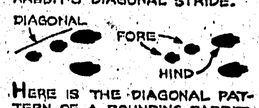
THE SIDE-BY-SIDE PLACEMENT OF A GRAY SQUIRREL'S FRONT FEET (ABOVE), WHEN BOUNDING, IS TYPICAL OF ALL TREE DWELLERS EXCEPT RED SQUIRRELS THAT MAY ALTERNATE IT WITH THE RABBIT'S DIAGONAL STRIDE.



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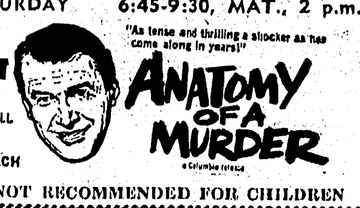

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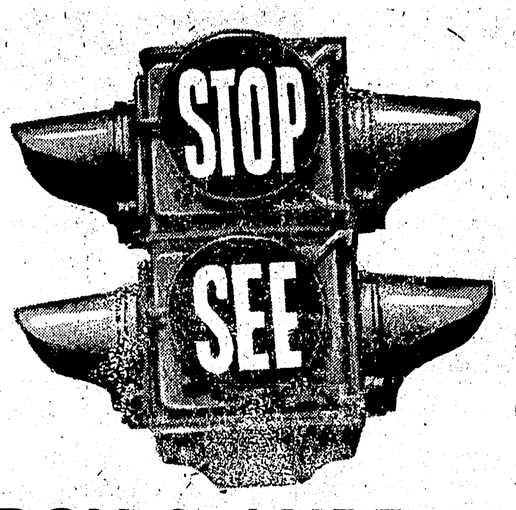

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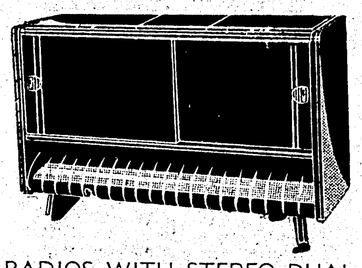

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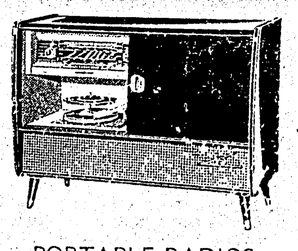

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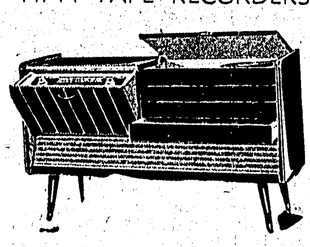

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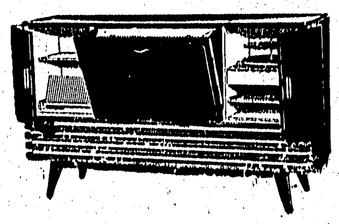

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