Kitimaat trims Aiyansh in thriller

Fast pace keeps up in Native tourney

An action-packed 72-64 senior game victory by Kitimaat over Aiyansh Y's officially unveiled the North Zone All-Native Basketball Tournament last night.

Following speeches by Dr. R. G. Large and Frank Calder and the official toss-up by Mr. Calder the two Native teams took the floor to provide a fitting official opening for the series.

Utilizing a fast break to good advantage the Kitimaat squad jumped into a 16-10 first quarter lead and increased it to 35-28 at the half time mark.

Aiyansh rallied strongly in the third quarter and pulled into a 40-39 lead, for the first time in the game at the six minute mark. Their lead was short-lived, however, as Kitimaat fired up crew piled in 16 points while holding Aiyansh to 4 to end the period at 55-44.

Rod Bolton and Crosby Smith with 21 and 20 points consecutively led the Kitimaat to its win while Rod Tait, Native athlete of B.C. for 1959, piled in 21 points for Aiyansh.

Referee's Don Hartwig and Bill Morrison handed out a total of 24 personal fouls with 14 going to Kitimaat.

KEC WHIPS ACES

Don Brown, Fred Gamble and Elmer Ridley, the Kitikatla KEC trio who made a successful debut with the local Empress Vikings in the Prince Rupert Senior Basketball League, amassed 68 points between them to clobber Kitikatla Aces 86-32.

Brown with 24 points, Gamble and Ridley with 22 each gave the Kitkatla Education Club a 24-10 first quarter lead, a 44-20 score at half time and 64-28 lead at the three-quarter mark.

For the Aces, Herbie Robinson scored 12 points.

MANSONS WINS

Manson's Tom-Toms took an intermediate thriller from Metlakatla 38-30 yesterday noon.

Terry Brown, 5 foot, 11-inch Manson centre potted 18 points to lead in the scoring department while Clarence Nelson of Metlakatla followed with 10.

WHITE LEADS AC's

Jackie White fired home 22 points to pace the Port Simpson Athletic Club intermediates to a rousing 63-29 victory over the Aiyansh Comets.

The Simpson crew jumped into a 19-3 first quarter lead and never looked behind. They led 31-10 at half time and 44-19 at the end of the third quarter.

RAINMAKERS WIN

Prince Rupert Senior High Rainmakers romped to an easy 67-21 win over the Rupert Thunderbirds in an exhibition game, the final fixture last night.

Thunderbirds, however, were given an automatic win as Rainmakers replaced the defaulted Hartley Bay team.

Don Martin with 19 points led the Rainmakers while Dave Alexander with 8 points paced Thunderbirds.

Dr. R. G. Large, honorary member of the Native Brotherhood of B.C. offered his congratulations to the tournament on behalf of the city council and reminded spectators of the coming North B.C. Exhibition on Jubilee Week September 5 to 10.

He told the crowd that displays from the Native peoples would be most appreciated and that prizes would be handed out for outstanding exhibits.

Frank Calder, president of the Nishga Tribal Council, said in his speech that "a tournament such as this is of great educational value and creates a feeling of fellowship and sportsmanship between villagers and the city of Prince Rupert."

Mr. Calder then threw the official jump ball between Kitimaat's centre Gary Grant and Aiyansh's Ken McBillan.

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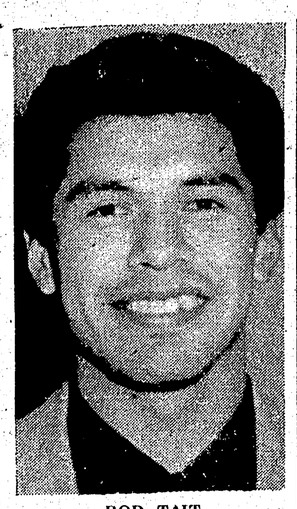

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Hampton Pool signed by Rams

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League said Wednesday Hampton Pool has been signed as their offensive coach.

Pool is a former Rams head coach and was dropped late last season as head coach of Toronto Argonauts of the Big Four Union. He operates a travel agency in Toronto.

He is the first assistant signed for head coach Bob Waterfield. The Rams are reported interested in Bill Swiacki, another former Argonaut coach, to handle the offensive ends.

Canadians capture pair-skating

VANCOUVER (CP) — Canadian skaters stood in unprecedented one-two position in world pair figure skating today, one duo apparently at the end of a brilliant competitive career and the other on the threshold of international supremacy.

Barbara Wagner and Bob Paul of Toronto won the world pair title for a fourth consecutive time when they skated faultlessly Wednesday night to defeat 11 other couples. They indicated they will retire from competition, having won every title open to them, including the 1960 Olympic gold medal.

Their successors could be the brother-sister pair of Otto and Maria Jelinek of Oakville, Ont., naturalized Canadians from Czechoslovakia who finished a close second Wednesday night.

CROWD THRILLED

The one-two finish by Wagner-Paul and the Jelineks, whose brilliant skating in the five-minute free-style program thrilled the crowd of 2,500, was the second sensational showing by Canadians.

Earlier in the day, 15-year-old Wendy Griner of Toronto turned in an outstanding performance in women's compulsory figures to move into sixth place, well behind leading Carol Heiss of the United States but well ahead of several international veterans.

Donald Jackson, 19, Canadian champion from Oshawa, Ont., was set to begin his chase today for a world title. He was favored because of the retirement of three-times winner David Jenkins of the U.S. The men were to skate three of their six compulsory figures today.

Miss Heiss, 20, of Ozone Park, N.Y., who won the Olympic gold medal last week, almost assured herself a fifth straight world title when she finished the six compulsory figures with a 35-point lead over her nearest competitor.

Trail tramples Rossland for semi-finals victory

ROSSLAND (CP)—Trail Smoke Eaters scored their fourth straight Western International Hockey League round robin victory, drubbing Rossland Warriors 7-3 before 436 fans here Wednesday night.

The result left Trail at the top of the semi-final series with 11 points. Rossland is next with three and Nelson follows with two. The top two teams meet in the best-of-five WIHL final series.

Centre Howie Palmer and Captain Cal Hockley paced the Smoke Eaters with three goals each. Norm Lenardon added the other.

Playing-coach Joe Conn, Primo Secco and Bud Andrews shared the Rossland scoring.

Soccer meeting

A general meeting of soccer enthusiasts will be held next Wednesday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Canadian Legion auditorium. Election of officers and composition of leagues will be discussed.

Miami Beach, Fla. (AP) — Luis Rodriguez, 149½, Cuba, outpointed Chico Vejar, 154½, Stamford, Conn., (10).

Louisville, Ky. (AP) — Rudell Stitch-Randy Sandy fight postponed to March 30, weather.

Stamps halt Canuck hopes of setting new WHL record

By The Canadian Press

Vancouver Canuck's rosy hopes of setting Western Hockey League records in the closing stages of the season have been virtually shattered on their last swing through the Prairies.

The first mark put safely out of Vancouver's reach this season was the league record of 18 road victories. Canucks started the week with 13 away triumphs and six away games to play.

A 4-0 setback at Edmonton Tuesday and a 6-3 whipping Wednesday night at Calgary halted the league-leaders' drive for that mark.

With eight games to play, Vancouver must win seven if they hope to surpass the record for total points, 93.

Meanwhile, Winnipeg Warriors dropped out of contention for a playoff spot when they were trampled 9-2 at Victoria by the Cougars. And Seattle Totems assured themselves of a berth by nipping the Comets 5-3 at Spokane.

Williams gets coaching job "in addition"

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Is there a managerial job in Ted Williams' future?

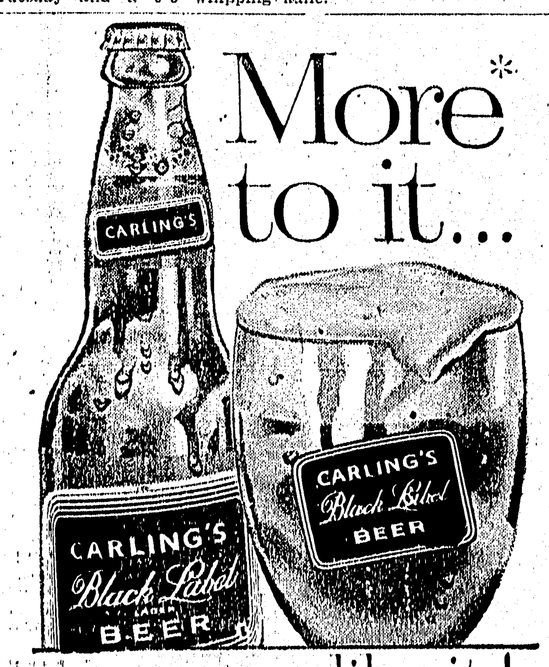
Speculation rippled through spring training camps after an announcement Wednesday that the 41-year-old slugger, last of the .400 hitters, will serve as part-time batting coach for Boston Red Sox.

Manager Bill Jurges said the assignment is "in addition", to Ted's regular chores.

Williams, bothered by a neck ailment for a year, said he doubted he could play when he reported to camp Monday. However, he felt better Wednesday. He ran hard, poled a couple of drives over the right field wall and barked: "I didn't come out here to be a pinchhitter."

The idea of the great left-handed batsman becoming a managerial possibility has been bantered about in the Boston press for several years.

William's shrugs it off. "It's nothing really new. I've been helping any hitter who asked me for 10 or 12 years now."



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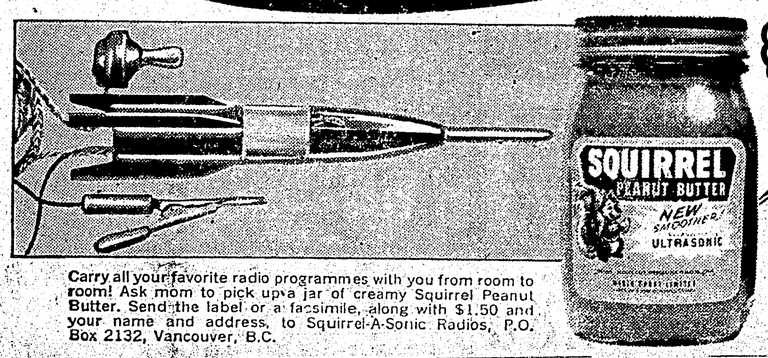

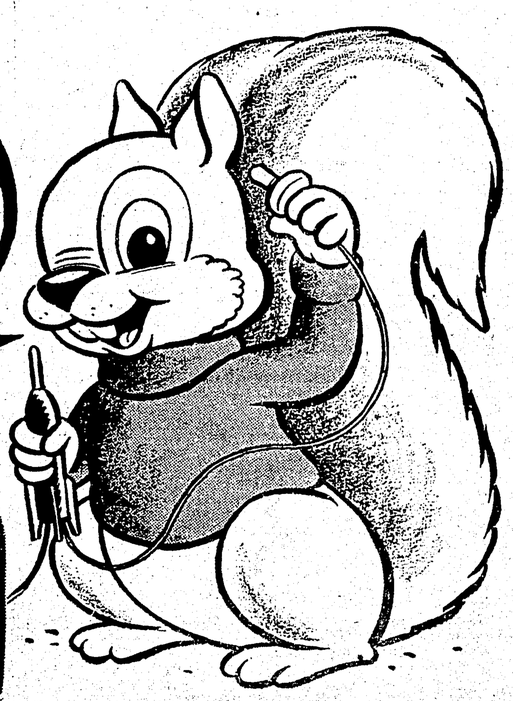

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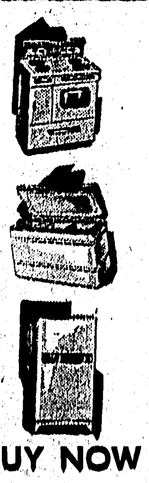

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