# KEC, Kitimaat tied for lead

## Seven cage squads still have hopes

Senior finalists and possible contenders began to emerge from the smoke and heat of play as the second day of the marathon North Zone All-Native Basketball tournament wound up last night.

Tied with two wins and no losses are Kitimaat and Kitkatla Educational Club, as the latter knocked off a hustling but ineffectual Port Simpson AC crew 70-46 in the final game last night at the Civic Centre.

Kitimaat and Kitkatla were scheduled to meet at 2:30 this afternoon to decide a finalist.

Miller Bay Vikings, Port Simpson YPEA, Port Simpson Athletics, Greenville, Alyansh Y's and Rupert Thunderbirds still have a chance for the finals but face a tough series of games in the losers' bracket of the double knock-out tourney to reach the finals.

Once again Kitkatla's Brown-Ridley-Gamble combination was the determining factor in the Kitkatla victory as the threesome scored 63 of the victors' 70 points.

They assisted their team in pulling into a 22-4 first quarter lead and extended it to 32-16 at half time.

Simpson staged a third period rally but could only outscore the KEC crew 18-13.

**VIKINGS HAVE HOPES**

Miller Bay Vikings, led by Art Helin with 30 points, kept alive their hopes of making the finals by clobbering Kitkatla Aces 86-41.

The loss eliminated the Aces from the tourney as they now have two losses.

Rey McKay with 14 and John Stewart with 12 also added to the Vikings victory. For the losers, John McKay with 10 points was high scorer.

**RAINMAKERS WIN TWO**

The Senior High School Rainmakers captured their second win of the tourney by defeating Alyansh Y's 46-29 but the Y's were given the win as the scholars were only filling in for defaulted Hartley Bay.

David Allen led the Rainmakers with 16 points while Rod Tait with 13 added to Alyansh's score.

**KITIMAAT WINS**

Kitimaat recorded their second win with no losses with an easy 93-41 victory over Rupert Thunderbirds.

Gary Grant with 23 points and Rod Bolton with 22 aided Kitimaat in pulling into a 25-10 first quarter lead, making it 43-16 at half time and 63-27 at the third period mark.

For the Thunderbirds, L. Ryan with 14 points and Albert Clifton with 13 were high scorers.

**Wink Willox, educational director for the British Columbia Referee's Association, delighted some 500 fans by pointing out the finer points of the game during half and quarter times.**

Once again the Salvation Army band entertained fans playing popular music at half times.

## Simpson A's intermediates leading

Port Simpson Athletic Club held off a final quarter rally by Metlakatla to edge them 41-35 and set the only two-win no-loss record in the Intermediate section of the All-Native Basketball tournament yesterday.

Since the series is round-robin, however, any other team has a chance to take the finals.

Led by Frank Swanson with 10 points, the Simpson crew pulled into a 19-4 lead at the first period, extended it to 27-15 at the half time buzzer and paced the Metlakatla squad 8-8 in the third stanza.

The final frame saw the Metlakatla squad outscore the Athletic Club 12-6 but it wasn't enough to surpass their earlier deficit.

In the second intermediate game of the day, the Rupert Royals crushed Manson's Tom-Tom Five 43-30 in a ragged fixture that saw the Royals lead 12-5 at the first period and 22-11 at the half and 28-23 at the three-quarter mark.

Nelson Clayton and Hubert Haldane with 12 and 11 points respectively led the Hotelmen to the victory while Jerry Jefferies with 13 counters added to the losers record.



## HABS WRAP UP NHL TITLE WITH 5-1 WIN OVER LEAFS

By The Canadian Press

Montreal Canadiens have done what every sane observer predicted they'd do six months ago—wrapped up their third consecutive National Hockey League championship.

The lordly Habitants demonstrated their superiority in convincing fashion Thursday night, whipping Toronto Maple Leafs—the only team with a chance to catch them—5-1 before a cheering audience of 14,715 Montrealers. They fired 41 shots at netminder Johnny Bower and held Leafs to a total of 17. Jacques Plante was called on for only two saves in the second period.

In Boston, Chicago Black Hawks and netminder Glenn Hall shut out Boston 2-0 to move four points ahead of the fifth-place Bruins. Hawks' left winger Bobby Hull collected a goal and an assist to wrest the scoring lead away from Boston centre Bronco Horvath.

Saturday Canadiens host Detroit Red Wings, Boston is in Toronto and New York Rangers visit Chicago. Sunday Montreal is in Chicago, Toronto in Boston and Detroit in New York.

## Lambie, Parker set for Grotto finals

By JACK MITCHELL

Only two rinks remain in contention in the Grotto Trophy competition with a strong Bill Lambie quartet ringing up four straight wins and the Ted Parker outfit, with three victories, slated for the finals tomorrow night.

In the quarter-finals play Wednesday, Lambie defeated Simpson to advance against Manson who had taken out Darrow Gomez and his crew. In the lower bracket on the Grotto chart, Parker plowed steadily over two other cohorts from "A" Section, Jack Lindsay in the quarters and Jack Mitchell in the semi-finals. Mitchell had previously defeated the Joe Scott rink to get to the semis.

In the two rounds of Rupert Motors Trophy play last night, the field of 18 teams were narrowed down to eight rinks with the quarter and semi-finals scheduled for tonight. Last night's results were as follows:

Laurie 12, Rowbotham 8; Mitchell 5, Warren 4; Mathews 9, Bremner 10; Ford 6, Lindsay 10; Lewis 4, Kerr 7; Lemire 7, Rogerson 6; Field 6, Stevens 12; Lambie 6, Robertson 13; Bateman 12, Whatman 3; Laurie 6, Bremner 9.

The draw for tonight features Bremner vs Mitchell; Lindsay vs Kerr; Lemire vs Stevens; and Robertson vs Bateman.

Also scheduled for tonight are playoff games in the Women's Curling League Columbia Cellulose Trophy. Last night Newton defeated Bateman 9-6, while Kerr won from Billing 14-7. Two matches in the quarter finals are also scheduled for tonight with semi-finals at 9 p.m.

Another trophy which will probably be decided tonight is the Esquire Aggregate Grail for the team with the best win and loss average during the whole season and not winning a trophy. The two teams in contention are Lloyd Kristmanson and Jerry Lemire. The Kristmason rink did not enter the playoffs while Jerry Lemire is still in action and must not lose either of his games tonight to remain a contender.

All the three finals matches are scheduled for tomorrow evening at the Curling Rink at 7 o'clock. All four trophies will be presented at the wind-up social following the matches while the last evening of the Mixed League schedule is also taking place.

**The Mixed Bonspiel is slated to begin on Tuesday, March 8 and with a limit on entries of 52 teams there are still openings for five more rinks. Curlers are asked to phone Gordon Bateman or get their entry in on the sheet at the rink as entries close tomorrow evening.**

## Ottawa meets Calgary in July

OTTAWA (CP)— Ottawa Rough Riders will meet Calgary Stampeders of the Western Interprovincial Football Union in a night exhibition game in Ottawa July 26, Riders announced today.

The Big Four club also announced signing of quarterback Mitchell Ogiego, former Iowa University star signed by British Columbia Lions last year but cut early in the season.

## Canadian curlers to compete in Scotland

TORONTO (CP) — Canada's top curling team will go against Scotland in the second annual Scotch Cup matches later this month, it was announced today.

The Canadian team will be the winner of the Canadian championships starting at Fort William March 7. The international series opens in Ayr, Scotland, March 18.

## Exhibition soccer game slated Sunday

**Prince Rupert's senior all-star soccer team have accepted a challenge from football enthusiasts aboard the British grain ship MV Hannington Court currently berthed at the Canadian Government elevator dock.**

**The two teams will clash at Algoma Park Sunday at 2 p.m.**

## Champ wants "Old Arch" after Floyd

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Ingemar Johansson said Thursday he is willing to defend his world heavyweight boxing title against Archie Moore, current light heavyweight champion, but "there won't be a fight anywhere if I don't get my money soon for the Patterson fight."

Johansson's share of the receipts from the June 26 fight in which he dethroned Floyd Patterson is being held by the New York Athletic Commsision to insure a return bout.

The champion stopped here en route to the Gaza Strip where he will put on a series of exhibitions for UN forces. The return bout with Patterson is tentatively set for June 22 in New York.

## Puck league playoff Sunday

**A sudden - death playoff battle between Parkers and Ormes to decide first place in the Junior Floor Hockey League will be played at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Civic Centre.**

**The two clubs are currently tied for the league leadership with 23 points each.**

**The game will follow the All-Star Native-Savoy basketball game at the Civic Centre.**

## Tillsonburg wins playoff opener

TILLSONBURG, Ont. (CP)—Tillsonburg Livingstons, lashing out with a tremendous defensive display, swamped Ottawa Shaffers 116-70 Thursday night in the first game of their Canadian senior A basketball playoff series.

The second game of the best-of-five set will be played here tonight.


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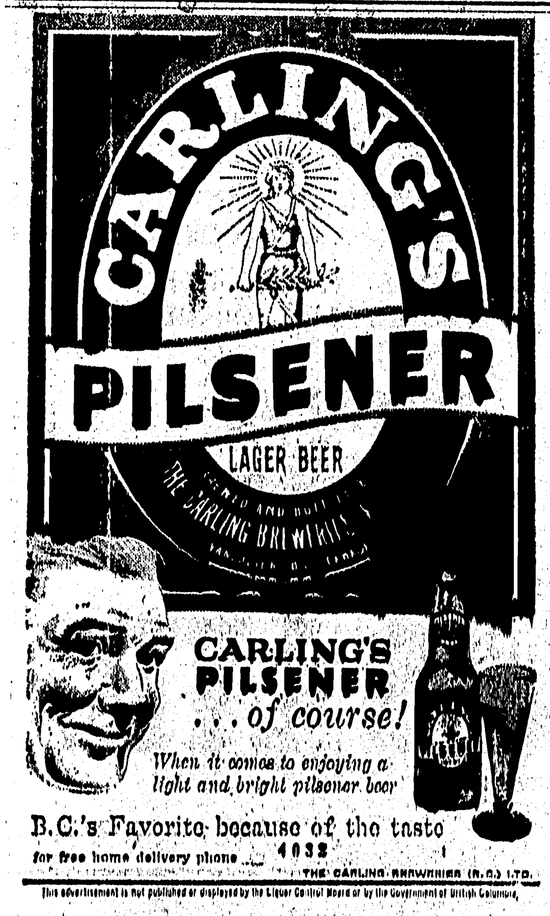


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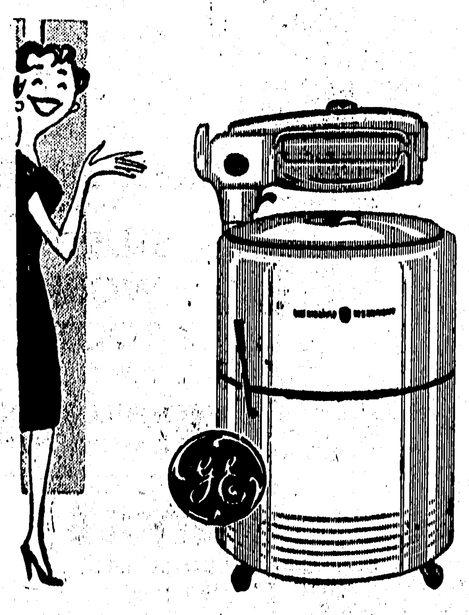

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