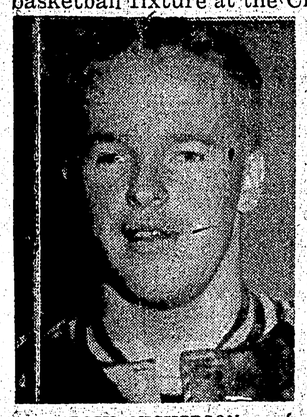
Senior hoop league deadlocked by F & P

Fraser and Payne trimmed Prince Rupert Senior High Rainmakers 57-49 to move into a first place deadlock with CYO in a regularly scheduled senior basketball fixture at the Civic Centre last night.



DICK NICKERSON . . . 18 points.

DICK SPECHT . . . likewise.

The game saw Fraser and Payne display their more experienced talents, demonstrating their scoring ability and defensive manoeuvers, calling the switches to frustrate the practiced precision roll-and-hand-off system of the Rainmakers.

The high school boys held their own for about five minutes of the opening frame but the clothiers bore down and were ahead 10-7 at the end of the period. At half time the Rainmakers had closed the gap to 32-24.

During the second half the high school squad advanced to within four and five points of the clothiers on many occasions but failed to edge any closer. At the three quarter mark F & P led 47-42 and outscored the Rainmakers 10-7 in a frenzied final frame.

Dick Nickerson who slipped through PRSHS's defence for lay-ups and regularly potted his onehanded set shot, led the victors with 18 points while his two lofty forwards Terry Shenton and George Howe netted 14 and 13 points respectively.

For Rainmakers, Dick Specht managed 18 points by virtue of his jump shots and fast breaking lay-ins. Mike Lemon followed with 13 points.

Lineups:

PRSHS—Allen, 6; Specht, 18; Olsen, 5; Lemon, 13; Duncan, 7; Mitchell; MacLeod; Martin; Scuby, 1. Total 49.

F & P—Nickerson, 18; Howe, 13; Shenton, 14; Lambie, 4; Helin, 5; D. MacLeod, 3; Gurney; Rensvold. Total 57.

Luckies nip Cellulose in overtime thriller

Old Empress Luckies cracked a tough Columbia Cellulose zone defense to edge the pulpworkers 45-43 in an Intermediate Basketball League thriller last night that was forced into overtime to determine a victor.

The win places Empress in a second place deadlock with Sunrise, two points behind the league leaders Vans Bakery.

The Cellulose boys jumped into a 13-7 first period lead and retained it until 6:08 of the second frame, when rookie Jerry Jefferies sank a foul throw to put the hotelmen in front 25-24 Cellulose promptly tied it up and went into the lead on a foul shot and a field goal by Lochart and Harlowe.

With the lead see-sawing back and forth it wasn't until 7:56 of the final frame that pulpworkers' Torro Nakatsu rushed to the opposition net to lay in an extra two pointer and give CCC a 43-40 lead.

Albert McKay potted a foul shot and with one minute 29 seconds remaining Sandy (Hammer) Grey sank a clean set shot from 35 feet out to tie the score.

Both teams fought desperately during the remaining minute but couldn't clinch the game in regular time.

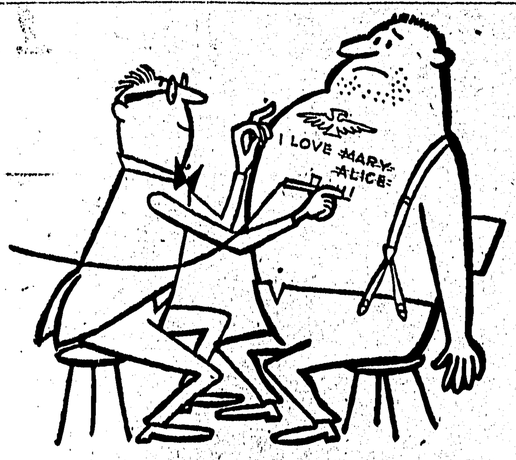
Overtime play was fast and furious as both teams strove to jam the ball into the opposition's net and several times the ball hit the rim, rolled around it and fell outside.

With 13 seconds remaining Empress' Jefferies flipped a jump shot that spun around the rim for a tense few seconds and dropped through.

Leading marksman of the game was Jefferies of the Empress contingent with 14 points while Cellulose's Walter Harlowe was next with 12 points.

CCC—Doug Slack, 9; Lockhart, 5; Harlowe, 12; Moore; Marshall, 2; Nakatsu, 10; Hodgkinson, 3; Adams; Pederson, 2; Parnell; Toms. Total 43.

Empress—Grey, 10; A. McKay, 10; Nordine, 9; Holdane; Jefferies, 14; Gerbov, 2. Total 45.



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CANADA POST OFFICE

Sports

By DON LOBB

Little things to warm yourself with on a long Prince Rupert weekend.

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While you were chuckling over that item about Jerry Sherman, rest his weary bones, that worthy rose to the occasion. Thursday night, at the Civic Centre, he worked out with the Savoy team during their regular practice.

That last game is going to be played February 23. I wouldn't miss that for the world. You should see him. He's really terrible. But like I said, he's got the guts of a burglar.

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Then there is Bill Long. That's right. R. W. Long. City Administrator. He's a swimmer.

At least he has so much faith in his ability in the water that he almost got himself in the soup. He challenged the entire membership of the Kinsmen Club to a swimming race.

But, when the chips were down and his assistant, Dave Wilson accepted the gauntlet Mr. Long so rashly offered, he tempered his statement of bravado.

He chickened out, is the way it should read.

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See Bill, just like I said, strictly off the record.

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Tonight Dawn Bodger comes out of retirement. He will be wearing the strip of RCMP in the senior division of the floor hockey league. Watch him. He's a good one.

While this may be a little belated, so longs were said to RCMP's best defenceman Tuesday. Jock Collier was transferred further afield. Good Luck Jock, wherever you are.

He was a real fine curler too, our Jock.

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While on the subject of the Fourth International Basketball tourney at Ketchikan next Tuesday, I neglected to point out that in a letter from the Ketchikan Jaycees, each team's strongman was mentioned—with the exception of Prince Rupert.

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Kitkatla is entering the tournament and according to the info included in that letter, so is Metlakatla, neither team really expected to give such quys as Savoy has in their lineup too heavy a workout.

Savoys tangle with Juneau City Cafe Tuesday night. Kitkatla runs up against Wrangell Thunderbirds.

Take a peek at this stack of talent:

George Howe, Dick (Gus) Nickerson, Billy Smith, John Lambie, Terry Shenton, Art Helin, Sid Scherk and Ray Spring. And coaching? This is the gospel folks, William (Bill, Mouse) Morrison.

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The weather warmed up to about four degrees hotter than a Polar Bear's ah . . . nose (almost got carried away) and the ball players all got excited.

'Tis a fact. There will be a meeting of the Baseball League Sunday, February 7, at 2:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge.

Election of officers and everything.

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And as I forecast earlier, Ernie Novakowski has set a softball meeting, executive type, second week in February. Happens every time.

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Further prediction:

I predict that within a month someone will ask someone how long those lousy bleachers in the Civic Centre are going to keep fans away from games in droves.

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Thursday night Rainmakers played Fraser and Payne. They lost their third game in a row. Friday they play an exhibition at Terrace. Saturday they play an exhibition against Kitimat at the Senior High School. Sunday afternoon they play Empress at the Civic Centre.

That should get them all rested up for a good week at school.

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I'll see you curlers at Smithers. Good Luck now, and then.

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Out of the foothills comes the news that former RCMP type **Ron Minion**, who used to work out with Maurice Bishop's mitt-slingers in the Civic Centre gym when it was down in the weight-lifting room, is now a city constable in Coaldale, Alta. Ron was here from January to July, 1958. He was scheduled to take part in a fight card with the Navy during Armed Services Week of the Centennial year but the card never materialized.

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Prediction for the ice hockey game:

Prince Rupert will turn up for both games.

New names, new faces as Kaien Cuppers set

Sporting a new name and plenty of new faces, Prince Rupert Chevrons ice hockey team entrains tomorrow at 7 a.m. on their pilgrimage to Smithers to regain the Kaien Island Cup.

Headed by Ernie Novakowski, the moving force behind the team, manager Jake Vandenbrink will dress 15 players for the two-game series. The team was called Dunlops last season.

First game goes at 8 p.m. Saturday night, and the second Sunday afternoon at 12.30. Owing to train schedules, the team will return by bus.

Lineup for the game includes Ron Tsuji in goal, Fred Vigor, Ernie Novakowski and Doug Brunton on one forward line, backed at the blueline by Gordon Cameron and Mel Mealy.

Billy Yerema, Neil MacDonald and Keith Duffy combine up front with Jim Stubbs and Bill Tridiak on defence.

The third line is made up of John Murland, Dennis Stamnes, Tom Arnott and Ivar Anderson.

Smithers have maintained a stranglehold on the Kaien Cup since they won it some five years ago.

According to Vandenbrink, this is the team who will win it back.

Sports Calendar

FRIDAY
Floor Hockey
Sports Shop vs Parkers
Savoy vs RCMP

SATURDAY
Rainmakers vs Kitimat (Prince Rupert Senior High School)
Luckies vs Vans
Sunrise vs CCC
CYO vs Vikings

SUNDAY
Rainmakers vs Vikings

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Blueshirts thrashed 11-2

By The Canadian Press

By thrashing the last-place New York Rangers 11-2 Thursday night power-packed Montreal moved into a commanding position for their championship run.

Montreal's triumph marked the first double-figure scoring effort this season and gave it 63 points, 14 more than second-place Detroit Red Wings who beat Boston Bruins 5-2.

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
Montreal	28	8	7	166	101	63
Detroit	20	15	9	122	117	49
Toronto	20	17	6	114	117	46
Chicago	16	22	8	122	129	40
Boston	17	24	5	149	163	39
New York	11	26	7	127	173	29

Centre Phil Goyette paced Montreal with three goals Thursday—his second triple in consecutive home games—and the Canadiens got two goals apiece from veteran Maurice (Rocket) Richard, his brother Henri and Bernie (Boom-Boom) Geoffrion.

In Detroit, Red Wings' Norm Ullman counted three times and assisted on a fourth goal.

The Canadiens built up a 9-0 lead before Ken Schinkel and Dean Prentice scored for New York late in the third period. Jean Beliveau and Marcel Bonin rounded off Montreal's scoring and Beliveau also picked up three assists.

SPARKLES AFTER INJURY

Goyette got his goals after suffering an eight-stitch gash on the chin in the opening period when hit by the puck.

A crowd of 9,559 watched the Red Wings snow the Bruins under with Ullman's first three-goal game in his five-year NHL career. His two final goals came in the last nine minutes after defenceman Marcel Pronovost broke a 2-2 deadlock. Gerry Melnyk was the other Detroit marksman.

Bronco Horvath and Don McKenney scored for Boston. Horvath's was his 30th, giving him 57 points and a tie with Chicago's Bobby Hull for the scoring leadership.

Saturday Detroit is at Montreal and Boston at Toronto in night games and the Rangers are at Chicago in an afternoon affair.

Last Night's Fights

Los Angeles (AP)—Alvaro Gutierrez, 148¾, stopped Art Golden Boy Aragon, 150. Los Angeles, 9.

Erie, Pa. (AP)—Johnny Bizzarro, 133, Erie, and Tony Christy, 134, Pittsburgh, drew, 6.

Sugar Ray favored tonight

BOSTON (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson, gunning for an early knockout, is heavily favored to defeat stylist Paul Pender tonight in defence of his disputed world middleweight boxing crown.

Robinson, listed as 39 but claiming 38, is recognized as the titleholder only in Massachusetts and New York. The National Boxing Association stripped him of his title for not defending within a time limit and recognized Gene Fullmer of West Jordan, Utah, as champion.

How long can Robinson, rated as one of the best fighters in history, keep going. A veteran of 21 years in the professional ring, the five-time middleweight king steps through the ropes tonight for the second time in 21 months since beating Carmen Basilio for the championship. Robinson knocked out Bob Young of Providence, R.I., in the second round here Dec. 14.

Robinson has won 142 bouts, lost six, had two draws and fought one no decision. He has knocked out 92 opponents and has been stopped once. Pender, has a 35-5-2 record, including 19 knockouts. He has been stopped twice.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

Philadelphia (AP) — Charlie Branch, 121½, Philadelphia, stopped Jimmy Ithia, 124, New York, 4.

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