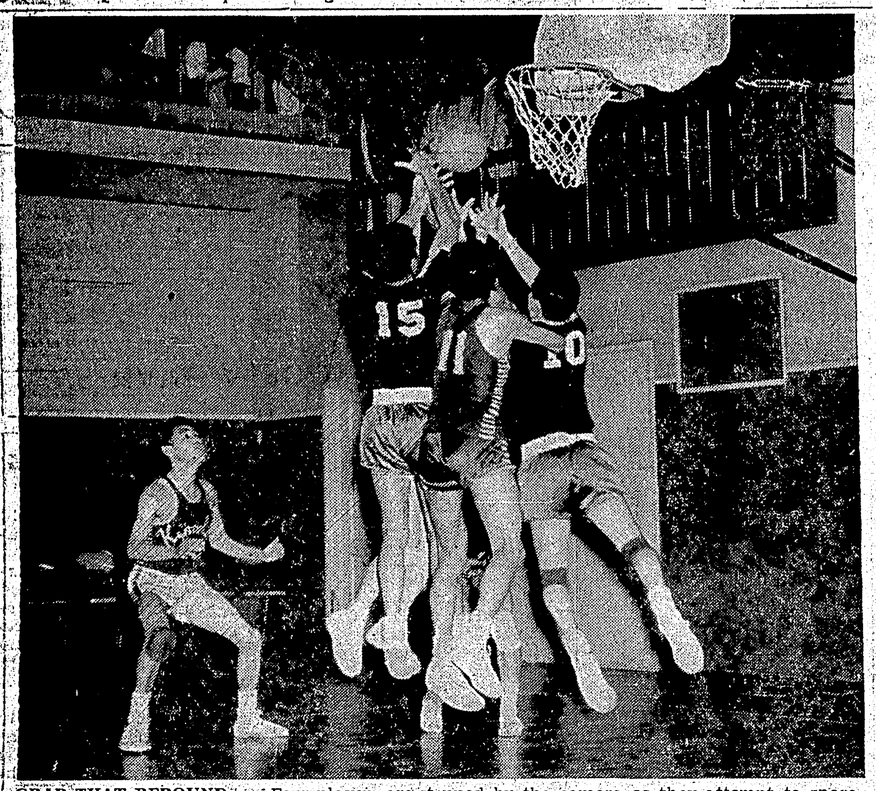
Simpson grabs overtime victory



GRAB THAT REBOUND . . . Four players are stopped by the camera as they attempt to snare a rebound during the opening game of the All Native Tournament yesterday at the Civic Centre. Game was in intermediate division between Kitimaat Athletic Club and Sons of Kincolith. Action was typical of contest which Kitimaat won 34-22. More games are scheduled for tonight, tomorrow and Saturday. — Nishio-Van Meer Photo

Edges Klemtu 85-82 in thrilling battle

A thrilling 85-82 overtime victory by the Port Simpson Athletic Club over Klemtu Rainmakers highlighted the opened day of Prince Rupert Basketball Association's Second Annual All Native Tournament at the Civic Centre last night.

The game, witnessed by more than 500 screaming fans, was the last of the day's draws and one of the five senior games played. Four intermediate games were also played yesterday.

Prince Rupert Mayor P. J. Lester welcomed all teams and declared the 1961 tournament officially open.. E. T. Applewhaite then told the audience that the tournament was a good chance for the villages to get to know each other better.

Indian Superintendent R. H. S. Sampson next addressed the crowd and he proposed a moment's silence in respect of the untimely death of F. E. Anfield, Indian Commissioner for B. C. who died February 23 in Ocean Falls.

Mr. Sampson said that the well-known and popular commissioner was to attend the official opening of the tourney, "but fate intervened."

Dalton (Dutch) Kramer, a Vancouver referee brought up for the tournament said he was glad to be here and that the calibre of ball he has seen was excellent. Kramer served as referee during the final two games last night and kept all the players on their toes.

He then asked Mayor Lester to officially open the tourney by sinking a free throw. The mayor took careful aim, set and shot. The ball fell short, but it was officially opened.

Port Simpson didn't make a showing in their game until the last 10 minutes of the first half.

Klemtu at one point led 19-6 before Port Simpson got rolling. But the Simpson club finally did get rolling and managed to tie the game up 36-36 at half time.

In the second half, Port Simpson picked up a slight lead and held it almost until regulation time ended.

With three seconds left in regulation time and Port Simpson holding a narrow 73-72 lead, Simpson's Bob Sankey fouled Klemtu's Rod Neasloss. Neasloss got two free throws and Sankey got a technical for arguing.

Neasloss missed his first shot but scored on the second to tie the game 73-73. Ivan Hopkins took the technical shot but failed to score and the game was forced into a five-minute overtime period.

For the first three minutes of the overtime period the two teams juggled the lead back and forth. But towards the end, Port Simpson clicked with their field goal shooting and were able to pocket the hard-earned victory. The tense dying moments of the games had the entire crowd on its feet.

Don Brooks and Sankey paved the way for Port Simpson with 21 and 18 points respectively. Hopkins put on a one-man scoring feat for the losers as he netted 31 points.

James Green and Mark Edgar of Klemtu fouled out during the final quarter while Simpson's Jim Bryant and Sankey were also sent to the showers. Referees Kramer and Don Hartwig handed out a total of 53 fouls, 29 to Port Simpson and 24 to Klemtu.

Other senior games played yesterday saw Prince Rupert's Tommy Hawks dump Masset Athletic Club's All Stars 69-37; Aiyansh Chieftains trip Hartley Bay's All Stars 60-47; and Kitimaat Athletic Club crush Bella Bella Clover Leafs 70-45.

UFAWU's "fighting fishermen" trimmed Manson's Tom Toms 31-23 in one intermediate game while Bella Bella Comets downed New Royal Hotel 48-34 in another.

Action was continuing today and will continue tonight. There will be more basketball tomorrow with the finals scheduled for Saturday. It is a double-knockout tourney and a team must lose two games before they are eliminated.

Saskatchewan rink appears headed for Canadian women's curling title

By ARCH MacKENZIE

Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—Saskatchewan seemed pointed today for the first Canadian women's curling crown with an undefeated record of six wins and only one apparent obstacle in the last three draws.

One game behind came Alberta with a 5-1 record while British Columbia, in third with two losses, appeared to be the only rink with a chance of stopping the Saskatchewan march. They clash in the eighth round this afternoon.

Saskatchewan won its fifth Wednesday from New Brunswick 11-3, then trimmed Quebec 11-2 in the sixth round. Joyce McKee's young Saskatoon rink, curling with the precision that has marked men's rinks from the Prairies, had too much fire power.

Alberta held second with a 13-5 victory over Prince Edward Island and a 10-6 win against Nova Scotia, keeping close to Miss McKee whose toughest game so far was a 7-6 extra-end decision over Mrs. Dorothy Thompson's Edmonton rink.

B.C. PULLS BACK

British Columbia lost 10-8 to Nova Scotia's draw specialists, still with only one win, in the morning but came back to stop Ontario 10-7, the third loss for Mrs. Emily Woolley of Toronto.

After six rounds, New Brunswick was tied for fourth with Ontario, winning its third game Wednesday night 9-3 over Prince Edward Island. P.E.I. has two victories and is tied with Quebec, Newfoundland and Manitoba. Nova Scotia trails with the one win.

The seventh draw began at 9 a.m. EST today. Saskatchewan drew P.E.I., Alberta played Newfoundland, Ontario went against Manitoba, Quebec and B.C. were matched and Nova Scotia met New Brunswick.

The eighth draw was scheduled for 2 p.m. and the ninth and last — barring tie-breakers which will be played Friday—for 8 p.m.

The long grind indicated that younger, more practiced rinks could hold an edge over the day's play, especially if the ice is slow.

MANITOBA EDGED

The best curling Wednesday came in the morning's fifth round where Quebec edged Manitoba 9-8 in a thriller decided on the last end, and Nova Scotia's Mrs. Mona Rhodenizer of Lunenburg beat B.C. the same way—firing a dead-on knockout shot that Mrs. Marg Fuller of Nanaimo couldn't duplicate on last rock.

Ontario beat Newfoundland easily 10-3.

ADVERTISING IN THE NEWS BRINGS RESULTS

Trail starts hockey tourney

By STEWART MacLEOD

Canadian Press Staff Writer

GENEVA (CP)—"This is the big one," remarked CAHA boss Jack Roxburg of Simcoe, Ont., as Trail Smoke Eaters prepared to meet darkhorse Sweden in the world hockey tournament opening today in two famous Swiss cities.

"If we can get by Sweden I think we'll go all the way,' the president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association commented Wednesday after the Smokies arrived by train from Italy where they wound up a successful 18-game European exhibition tour.

The Swedes and the Americans predict the Canadians will romp to their 19th championship in world and Olympic competition. The Canadians are not so sure it will be that easy and the Russians are non-committal.

Nearly everybody else can see only a two-team race—Canada and Russia—with the championship up for grabs on the final day of the tournament, Sunday, March 12, when the two powerhouses meet for the seventh time in international competition. Canada has defeated the Russians four times and lost twice.

HOCKEY SCORES

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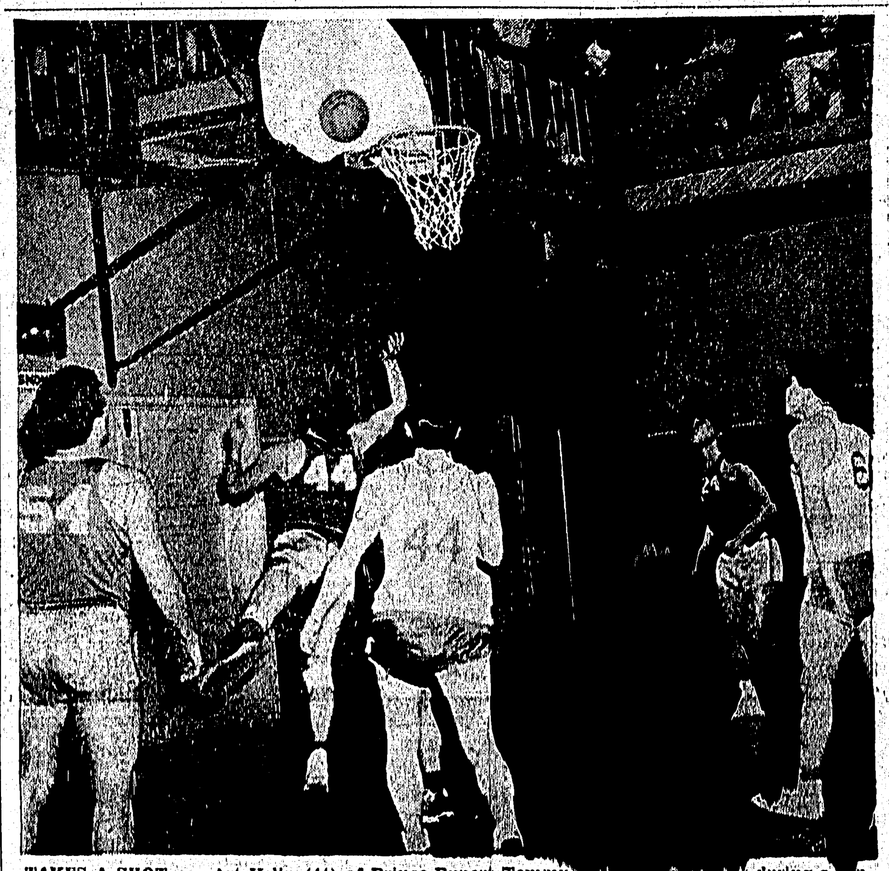
Portland 5, Seattle 0



TAKES A SHOT . . . Art Holin (44) of Prince Rupert Tommy [illegible] shot during a senior division game with the Masset Athletic Club All Stars in [illegible]day's opening round of the Prince Rupert Basketball Association's Second Annual All Native Tournament at the Civic Centre. Watching ball are Tommy Hawk players Don Robertson (54) and Phil Gurney (24) and Masset players Robin Brown (44) and Ray Nix (00). Tommy Hawks won game 69-37. — Nishio-Van Meer Photo

Maple Leafs down Canadiens 3-1 as Cesare Maniago stars in net

By The Canadian Press

At the final whistle, the thundering roars of 14,384 throats in Toronto made one thing clear — Frank Mahovlich will have to move over on that pedestal reserved for idols of Maple Leafs fans.

Even though the Big M scored the first goal, his 46th of the season, the ovation was directed in large measure at the goaltending work of gangling, dark-haired Cesare Maniago.

As the Leafs defeated Montreal Canadiens 3-1 and stretched their National Hockey League lead to four points it was the second victory in three NHL games for Maniago. He was called up from Spokane Comets of the Western League after successive injuries to Johnny Bower and Gerry McNamara, and allowed only four goals in the three games.

For the Leafs, it was their fourth in a row without a defeat, including two wins over the Habs.

RANGERS RALLY

In New York, the fifth-place Rangers rallied for three goals in the last 14 minutes to defeat Boston Bruins 3-1 and keep their slim playoff hopes alive. They now are 10 points back of Detroit Red Wings and each team has nine games left.

Ron Stewart scored Toronto's other two goals, one in the second period and one in the third, after Mahovlich opened the festivities at 3:28 of the second. Bernie Geoffrion, the league-leading scorer, got his 41st goal early in the third.

Maniago, 22, stopped 29 Montreal drives. Wily Jacques Plante turned aside 31 attempts on the Montreal net.

The Leafs, with 82 points, have seven games left, one fewer than Montreal.

The Canadiens were widely outplayed Wednesday and became so befuddled at one stage of the second period they were caught with six men on the ice.

GAMBLE HOT

The Bruins got some tremendous work from goalie Bruce Gamble, who stopped 27 New York shots in the first two periods while John Bucyk was giving last-place Boston a 1-0 lead.

But Dean Prentice broke the ice at 6:21 of the third period and Camille Henry and Floyd Smith wrapped it up. There was less than two minutes left to play when Henry fired the winner, picking up Lou Fontinato's rebound.

Three of the Rangers' remaining games are with the Wings. Detroit has 59 points, only six behind third - place Chicago Black Hawks who trail Montreal by 13.

The Rangers go to Chicago for one of tonight's two games. The other sees the Red Wings visiting Boston.

Standings

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Toronto	36	17	10	221	158	82
Montreal	34	18	10	219	169	78
Chicago	25	22	15	171	160	65
Detroit	22	24	15	168	181	59
New York	20	32	9	174	207	49
Boston	12	36	13	151	219	37

Women's curling

Here are the results of the Columbia Cellulose Trophy competition in the Women's Curling League February 27.

7 p.m.—Bremner 10, Gomez 8; Armstrong 17, Billing 4; Eby 6, Deane 7; Rivett 11, Gordon 16; McDonald 11, Bateman 9, and Whatman 10, Ericksen 7.

9 p.m.—McKay 13, Newton 7; Johnson 8, Anderson 6; Merrison 2, Schuman 16; McLean 3; Kerr 16; Eyolfson 9, Shier 10; and Scott 0, Dominato 5 (default).

Next Monday will be the last round of competition for the CCC trophy.

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