Rainmakers favored in tourney

Meet King Edward for first game

VANCOUVER (CP) — The cream of British Columbia's high school basketball teams today collide here in the 16th annual B.C. High School Boys' Invitational Basketball tournament.

Sixteen teams, who, survived various preliminary tournaments, begin action at 12:30 a.m. The tournament concludes Saturday night.

Prince Rupert Rainmakers' runners-up to powerful Vancouver College a year ago, are favored in the current tournament. Five of last year's squad return with the 1961 team and College did not reach the tournament finals.

Pacing the Rainmakers will be big John Olsen, an all-star last year and chosen the most valuable player in the Northern B.C. zone playoffs which Prince Rupert easily won.

FIRST TIME

Prince Rupert's ascension to the favorites role marks the first time in history that a Lower Mainland team has not carried these colors.

And it's conceivable that all four Lower Mainland teams could drop their opening round matches, something that has never happened. Only Victoria (1959) and Mission (1954) have ever beaten out Vancouver district teams for the title.

Other teams entered are Summerland, Oak Bay, Abbotsford, Creston, Mennonite Education Institute Clearbrook, Tsolum North Vancouver, Victoria, Surrey and Alberni from outside Vancouver, and Lord Byng, King Edward, Magee and Lester Pearson from Greater Vancouver.

Summerland, Creston and North Vancouver's Delbrook High School entries are in the tournament for the first time.

Oak Bay, Vancouver Island champions and one of the finest Island teams ever, is given strong support.

TODAY'S DRAW

Oak Bay vs Abbotsford; Creston vs MEI; Tsolum vs Delbrook; Lester Pearson vs Victoria; Prince Rupert vs King Edward; Magee vs Surrey; Alberni vs Lord Byng.

Pulled muscle sidelines Bower

TORONTO (CP)—A pulled leg muscle has strained the hopes of Toronto Maple Leafs goaltender Johnny Bower in his bid for the National Hockey League's Vezina Trophy.

Bower injured his right leg in Boston Sunday and may be out of action Thursday night in Montreal. He has a six-goal lead on Chicago's Glenn Hall for the Vezina, awarded to the goalie who has played most games for the team least scored upon.

"I don't think I'll be able to play in Montreal," Bower said. But Leafs' coach Punch Imlach said: "Sometimes these things get better in a hurry."

Imlach said he hasn't decided whether Gerry McNamara or Cesare Maniago will mind the net in Montreal if Bower can't play.

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Fashion players split pin honors

Peggy Thompson and Agnes Pierce led Fashion Footwear to most of the honors in A section of the City Mixed Five-Pin Bowling League March 9.

Peggy picked up the women's high single with 298 while Agnes tallied a 733 to win high three.

Together they helped the team win high single with 1,319 and high three with 3,520.

John Comadina of Headpinners captured the men's high single with 266 while team mate George Shenton took men's high three with 690.

In B section Mickie Cross of Chatham scored a 257 to win women's high single while Jeanette Cloutier of Melrose won women's high three with 654.

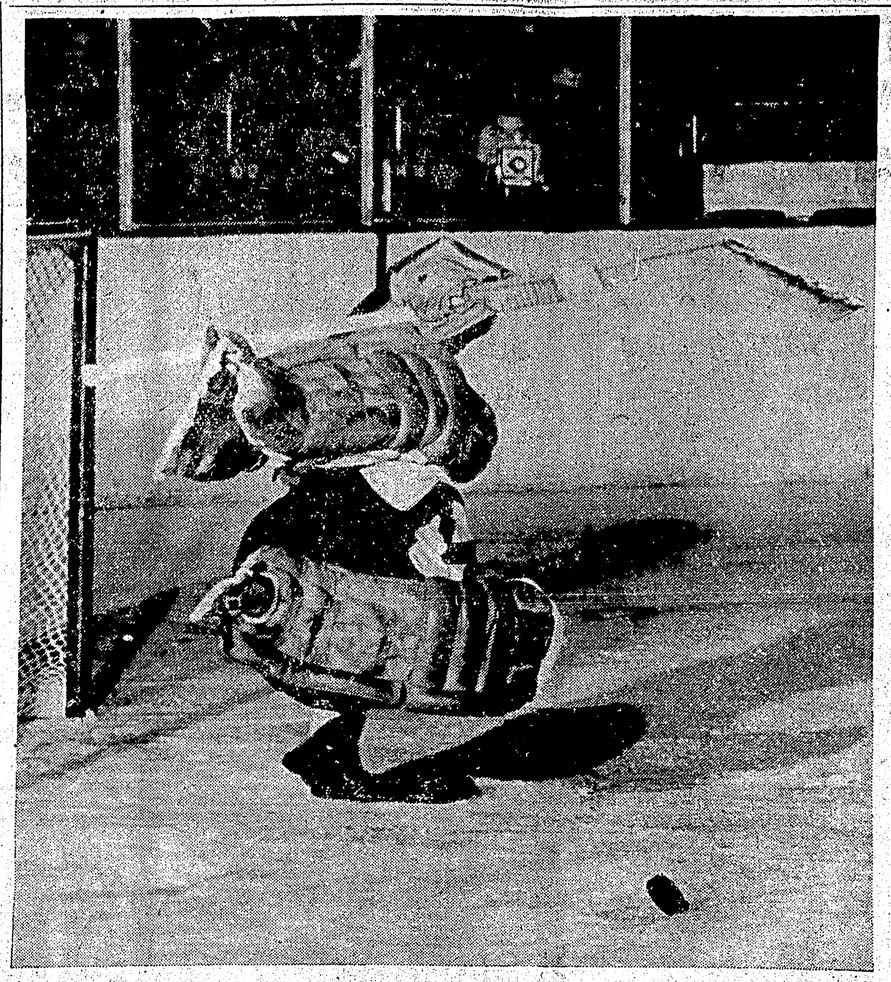
Reg Ronald of Overwaitea no two took both the men's high single and high three with 279 and 641.

Royal Bank captured both the team honors, winning the high single with 1,158 and taking the high three with 3,101.

Results were:

In A section—Don's 4, Lotus 0; Overwaitea no. one 4, Universal 0; Canfisco 3, WOTM 1; Eby & Sons 3, Challengers 1; Yukon Gems 3, Yukon Jewellers 1; and Headpinner 3, Fashion 1.

In B section—Overwaitea no. two 4, Parker's 0; Greer and Bridden 3, Astoria's 1; Sons of Norway 3, Melrose 1; Royal Bank 3, Woodbutchers 1; Chatham 3, Overdrafts 1; and Northland Navigation 2, LOOM 2.



LAST-DITCH STAND — St. Michael's College goalie Jerry Cheevers will do almost anything to stop a puck — even going as far as doing a one-hand handstand. This puck (foreground) missed the net but three got by him during the first game of the Ontario Hockey Association Junior A playoffs in Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto. St. Michael's lost to St. Catharines Teepees 3-1. — CP Photo

At the curling rink

By BOB RUDDERHAM

After sitting with the executive the other night and listening to Al Manson about the coming bonspiel, I think that there is little question that this is going to be the best bonspiel ever held in Prince Rupert. I also think that Al is doing a terrific job and I believe it is now up to us to see that the 'spiel is a success.

The prize list this year is a good one for instance. The winners of the Fashion Footwear Grand Challenge will be sporting new made-to-measure suits shortly after the event is over. This is the first time we have had a prize like that. Other prizes for the other events include such valuable things as power saws, soldering guns, Stetson hats, large frying pans (electric of course), tanned hides, flight bags, bar sets, chairs and various other prizes.

Then the banquet sounds like the seafood page out of the menu of the Waldorf — only better. They don't serve B.C. abalone in the Waldorf yet. Alec Bill and Johnny McLeod have been working on this part of the show.

The entertainment is going to be real good according to the smirks and suppressed laughter that Harley Lewis gives us when asked how the floor show is coming along. Harley is keeping this all highly secret so the show is anyone's guess but from what I've heard, it will be worth the price of admission alone. They've been practising too — even to the extent of putting it on in the Civic Centre one evening behind locked doors.

The entries are coming from many parts of B.C. this year. There are two so far from Vancouver, two from New Westminster, one from Prince George, one from Kamloops and 11 rinks from Kitimat, Smithers and Terrace. There is also one entry from Winnipeg.

Another thing that will be appreciated by the local bonspielers is that there will be no curling, hence no duties, after the official opening on Saturday when the banquet is being held in the Civic Centre. In some of our bonspiels in the past, there was curling during the banquet and the fellows who were duty rink used to miss out on the good food and entertainment. We think it is a good idea this time to give one and all a chance to get to the banquet hall and enjoy themselves without rushing up there right after a game and then having to leave early to curl.

Oh, yes, for those local curlers who made the Mixed League playoffs. These will be played off on the 6th and 7th of April. It was impossible to hold them last week as the men's and women's league playoffs had some players that will be in these Mixed playoffs and it was also impossible to have them any earlier due to the ice being rented out to other clubs for small bonspiels. Anyway we have a bonspiel in between your regular curling and these events to sharpen your games up.

Senior baseball league expands to six teams

The Prince Rupert and District Senior Baseball League has changed its name to the Northwestern British Columbia Senior Baseball League.

This was decided at the league's annual meeting at Terrace last Sunday.

First order of business for the newly-named league was for members to vote approval of expanding the league from five teams to six.

Prince Rupert's Gordon & Anderson suspended operations for one year in regular play and will handle only the all star team this season.

A team from Smithers and one from Hazelton was voted into the league. The league now has two teams in Prince Rupert and one in Terrace, Kitimat, Hazelton and Smithers.

The league will commence play on May 14 this year with each of the six teams scheduled to play 20 games.

Playoffs will feature the first-place team against the third-place team and the second against the fourth.

No games were scheduled for July 1 or August 5 and 6 because of tournaments.

Other business of the meeting saw Floyd Jessop re-elected as commissioner of the league; "Blondy" Jones of Terrace elected secretary and Ray Giordano elected treasurer.

A motion was passed to give the commissioner the power to impose a fine of up to $25 for any team defaulting a game. The commissioner will determine if the default is caused by weather or the team.

It was also voted to have each team pay an entry fee of $10 to the league to give it operating capital.

Leopold stars as Stampeders edge out Flyers

CALGARY (CP) — Ron Leopold scored three times Tuesday night to lead Calgary Stampeders to a 6-5 Western Hockey League victory over Edmonton Flyers.

The win moved Calgary into sole possession of first place, two points ahead of Portland Buckaroos, who have played one game fewer.

Leopold now has a league-leading 40 goals, one more than linemate Lou Jankowski, who scored one goal.

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First draws for Marine

Here are the first four draws in the 10th annual Marine Bonspiel which gets underway tomorrow night.

The 'spiel features 51 local and 21 outside rinks and will run through until next Wednesday.

6 p.m.—Kristmanson vs Whatman; Simpson vs Korr; Bell vs J. Schuman; Cooper vs Rogerson; Shepard vs Pallister; and B. Schuman vs Long.

8:15 p.m.—Scott vs H. Lewis; Dominato vs T. Lewis; Bateman vs Paul; J. Eby vs Langford; Laurie vs Johnston; and Eyolfson vs MacDonald.

10:30 p.m.—Ford vs Warren; McKeown vs Fowlie; Manson vs Simpson; Lambie vs Woods; Lindsay vs R. Eby; and Field vs Anderson.

12:45 a.m. — Rudderham vs Mitchell and Fleming vs Stevens.

Red Wings trip Rangers

By The Canadian Press

Norm Ullman of Detroit Red Wings is one of the foremost exponents of the expression that action speaks louder than words.

Off the ice, the curly-haired centre is shy, silent and retiring. On the ice, he's unspectacular but probably one of the National Hockey League's most underrated players.

A native of Provost, Alta., who had scored 94 goals in 336 NHL games spanning five years prior to this season, Ullman exploded for four goals Tuesday night to lead the Wings to a 5-2 victory over New York Rangers in a game that was meaningless as far as the league standings are concerned.

Philpott upset Van's crew 12-8 in final floor hockey league game

Van's Bakery, the giant of the junior floor hockey league, suffered its first defeat in 16 games last night at the Civic Centre as they were beaten 12-8 by a fired-up Philpott Evitt team.

The bakers had vanquished all opponents during the season and were unbeaten in 15 starts. Last night was the final league game of the current season.

It didn't alter league standing in any way as Van's are head and shoulders above the rest of the pack.

But it put a crimp in the pride of the Van's crew. After winning so many games without running into any serious opposition and then losing the final league game of the season, it was a blow to the ego.

The game was shortened five minutes due to the Alaska Music Trail Concert. Some people thought that had the teams played the extra five minutes Van's would have won.

But most observers felt that Van's wouldn't have won under any circumstances.

Van's played very sloppy, the observers argued, and deserved to lose.

Most of Van's passes went directly to an opposing Philpott player.

Be that as it may, the point is that Van's lost and Philpott won and was the team on the floor. On a given night, the worst can beat the best in any sport.

Van's, playing with Billy Pottle in goal, took a 4-3 edge in a rather dull first period.

In the second period, play picked up and at the buzzer Philpott had managed to tie it up 8-8.

The final period saw regular goalie Ray Windle appear in the nets.

But this didn't help Van's any as Philpott's Bruce Moore and Larry Veitch pumped in two goals each to put the game on ice. Van's were held scoreless in the third.

Van's outshot Philpott 44-28 but couldn't break through the defence of Philpott goalie Larry Baines.

Moore and Veitch were the big men in Philpott's victory scoring six and four goals respectively. Skip Cronck answered for the losers with five.

Goal Scorers

Philpott Evitt (12) — Moore 6, Erickson 1, Veitch 4 and Omori 1.

Van's (8) — Cronck 5, Nakatsu 2 and Atchison 1.

Andrews, mates top women's loop

Ethel Andrews and her team mates on Cook's Jewellers carted home all the honors in B section of the Women's Five - Pin Bowling League March 7.

Ethel scored a 296 high single and set a new season's high three mark of 743.

The team captured both the team high single and high three with 296 and 743. The high three mark is a season's record.

In B section Jean Wilson of Good Neighbors rolled a 319 to take high single while Agnes Pierce of Annettes picked up the high three with 718.

Clausens captured the team high three with 1,060 while Annettes won the team high three with 2,925.

Results:

Section A — Stars 4, Terminal Lunch 0; Sports Shop 3, PRFCU 1; Clausens 3, Shop-Easy 1; Big Sisters 3, Dibbs 1; New Laurel 3, Annettes 1; and Van's 2, Good Neighbors 2.

Section B — Five Pins 3, Greenhorns 1; Saanich 3, McLean & Rudderham 1; Kaien Credit Union 3, McRae Motors 1; Cook's 3, CNRA 1; Co-op 3, Fashion Footwear 1; and Starters 2, Kelly's Kids 2.

Boise, Idaho (AP)—George Logan, 202, Boise, outpointed Frankie Daniels, 194, New York (10).

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