Canadians backed to beat Reds

Fight draws boos from Czech fans

By ED SIMON

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PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (CP)—Canada, Russia, and Czechoslovakia were at the head of the class today with victories in the first round of the six-team final competition for the world hockey title.

Canada opened their title defence with a 6-0 victory Monday over Finland, the tournament underdogs. Russia defeated the United States 5-1 and Czechoslovakia downed Sweden 4-1.

Both Canada and Russia have a day off today to prepare for their meeting Wednesday night dubbed the "real final" by gambling Czechs who favor the Canadians to repeat.

CROWD HOOTS

The Canadians finished to a blast of disapproving whistles from the crowd as left winger Wayne Brown served a major penalty after pummelling Finland's Jouini Seistamo in front of the loser's goal Monday. The Believ.le winger said afterwards that Seistamo, who was not penalized, "crosschecked me across the face."

Two other Canadians, playing coach Ike Hildebrand and centre Johnny McLellan, emerged from the game with facial cuts which they said were inflicted by Finnish sticks. The Finns also complained of rough play. "You can't play a clean game with them," was Jorma Salmi's verdict.

Pete Conacher led the marksmen against Finland with two goals. The others came from Red Berenson, the leading goal scorer in the tournament, Brown, Hildebrand and Dennis Boucher.

The tireless Finns defended desperately and their goaltender, Esko Niemi, made 54 saves. But they were seldom able to threaten the Canadian net.

OFF AND ON EFFORT

The Russians gave an in-and-out performance against the Americans, outskating them throughout the first period, but playing only in bursts the rest of the way.

Viktor Pryazinkov and Eugeny Groschev each scored two goals with the fifth coming from Igor Dekonsky. Gene Grazia fired the only American goal.

The Swedes, badly crippled by injuries to centres Sven Tumba Johansson and Nils Nilsson, were no match for the speedier Czechs who walked away to a 3-0 lead in the first period.

Penalties marred the remainder of the match as the heavier Swedes thumped their opponents in efforts to slow them down and the Czechs retaliated vigorously. In all, seven Swedes and five Czechs were penalized before the game ended.

Karl Gut, Jaroslav Jirik, Mirislav Vlach and Josef Golonka scored for Czechoslovakia. Eje Lindstroem was the Swedish marksman.

Standings

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (CP)—Standings after the first day's play in the final series of the world hockey championships:

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Canada	1	0	0	6	0	2
Russia	1	0	0	5	1	2
Czech	1	0	0	4	1	2
Sweden	0	1	0	1	4	0
U. S.	0	1	0	1	5	0
Finland	0	1	0	0	6	0

The leaders:

	G	A	Pts
Berenson, Canada	8	1	9
Groschev, Russia	6	3	9
McLellan, Canada	4	5	9
Conacher, Canada	6	2	8
Tom Williams, U.S.	6	2	8

Rocket takes off

MONTREAL (CP)—Maurice Richard left Monday by air for Prague where he will see Canada's team playing in the world hockey tournament. He is expected back early next week.

The Rocket has been sidelined from National Hockey League play with Montreal Canadiens since Jan. 18 when he suffered the fracture of an ankle bone in Chicago.

Gert Van Meer takes honors in 5-pin play

Gert Van Meer of Canfisco earned double honors in Thursday's Mixed Five-Pin League play as she took ladies' high three with 685 and high single with 295.

In other A League play Adrian Tanghanini of Frosty Locker rolled a 330 for men's high single and Yukon Gems' Frank Judda rolled 711 for high three.

Team laurels went to Checker Cabs with 1232 and team high three to RCMP with 3461 as they downed Frosty Locker with a four-game sweep.

Mary Smith of Chatham topped the ladies singles in B League play as she rolled 261 to lead her mates to a four-game sweep over Commodore Cafe. Ladies high three of 554 was registered by Pearl Parsons of Sons of Norway.

In men's section Ken Kimura of United Fruit took high single with 336.

Stan Raychuck of Greer and Bridden had the best triple with 706 as he paced his team mates to a clean sweep over Sons of Norway.

Team leaders were United Fruit with a 1114 single and Greer and Bridden with a three game mark of 3156.

Results:

A League—RCMP 4, Frosty Locker 0. Fashion Footwear 3, Woodburners 1. Esquires 3, Eby & Sons 1. Yukon Gems 3, Checker Cabs 1. Yukon Jewellers 2, Headpinners 2. Cardinos 3, Norwest Foods 1.

B League—Daily News 4, Lucky's 0. Greer & Bridden 4, Sons of Norway 0. Chatham 4, Commodore Cafe 0. Diamond Cabs 3, Nelson 1. Standard Oil 3, Universal 1. United Fruit 3, Astoria 1.

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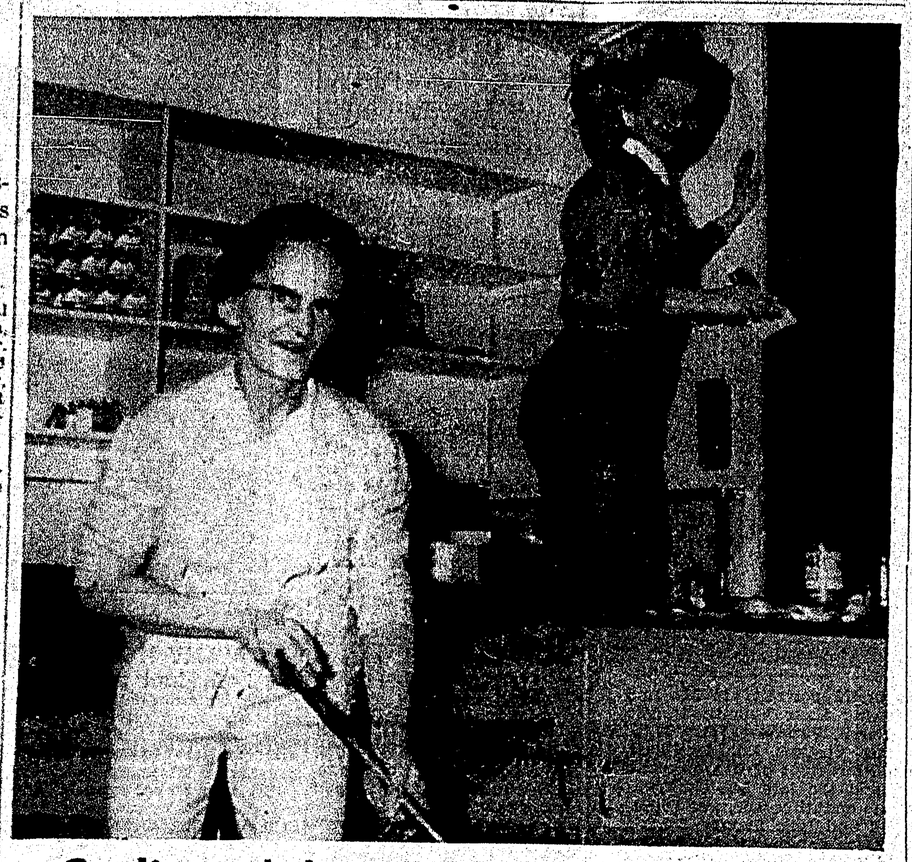

Curling club galley facelifted for 'spiel

By GLADYS BALDWIN

It was clean up! paint up and throw the groceries aboard, for the galley "slaves" of the good ship "Curling Rink" last week as they prepared for the Eighth Annual Marine Bonspiel scheduled to get under way tonight.

Before the big event, everything had to be shipshape. While the curling rink was having her deck swabbed and nautical niceties sprinkled around by the men, the galley, mainstay of the 'spiel, was being facelifted with paint brush and floor mop.

The purser, ordering supplies for this wingding was Mrs. Thomas Pallant and watching the financial barometer was Mrs. Gordon Bateman.

Amount or groceries needed is staggering, something like eight cases of eggs, 55 pounds of frying ham, 150 loaves of bread and dozens and dozens of buns to say nothing of coffee by the gallon. Enough to keep two 48 cup coffeemakers going around the clock.

According to Mrs. Pallant, it will take 119 women to man the galley, taking four-hour shifts. Three to five women will be on at one time during rush hours and the galley will be open around the clock from Friday on.

One of the yearly features of the bonspiel, is the variety of specialty dishes that are prepared by the crew themselves. Home-baked beans with chili sauce, cabbage rolls, and a dish with a nautical flavor, clam chowder. Cakes, pies and cookies. Each member of the galley crew contributes a dish.

"But we have a wonderful time," Mrs. Pallant chuckled.

"Even though it is a little hectic with 300 hungry men traipsing back and forth 24 hours of the day."

Of course the men are doing a little too. Just a matter of putting on that extra smooth sheet of ice, washing windows in the viewing room and the odd spot of paint here and there.

MRS. GORDON BATEMAN and Mrs. Thomas Pallant are shown with floor mop and paint brush putting finishing touches to Prince Rupert Curling club "galley" in preparation Eighth Annual Marine Bonspiel which gets underway tonight and will be officially opened Saturday at 2 p.m. Mrs. Pallant is wielding a paint brush on the blackboard where the menu will be listed.
—Photo by Gladys Baldwin.

Novakowski leads Rupert to 10-6 win over Kitimat

The Prince Rupert all-stars slid away from a second period deadlock Sunday afternoon to down Kitimat 10-6 in a Senior Men's Floor hockey exhibition fixture at the aluminum city.

Ernie Novakowski, league top scorer, paced the local contingent with six garners and Mike Korney pumped in two.

Leading the Kitimat squad was Ken DesJardin with four tallies.

End of the second period saw the two teams tied at 4-4. Novakowski racked up six, Korney one and John Vielander fired one in also to put the Rupert boys ahead.

The Rupert all-stars defeated Kitimat here 10-8 in February.

About 50 spectators were on hand.

Lineups:

Prince Rupert — Cameron (goal), Sparks, Hutcheson, Korney 2, Novakowski 6, Brunton, Hendek, Vielander 1, Novocoski 1. Total 10.

Kitimat—Nelson, DesJardin 4, Minion 1, Aulton, Hardychuck, Boon 1, Humes, Lonsdale, Johnson, Wilson, Tom, Rien. Total 6.

Next game in the Prince Rupert Senior Men's league will be played Thursday night when the Digby Island Boatrotters meet RCMP.

Biggest spiel ever opens in Pr. Rupert

The first part of the largest Marine Bonspiel ever to be held in Prince Rupert was scheduled to open at 8.30 tonight as local rinks take to the ice.

Drawmaster Jack Mitchell said that up until deadline time last night a total of 75 rinks had placed entries, 55 of them from Prince Rupert.

Last year there was a total of 72 rinks entered.

Curling in the popular "Spiel" will be rinks from Calgary, Prince George, Burns Lake, Vanderhoof, Smithers, Kitimat, Terrace, and two new entries from Digby Island and Prince Rupert.

Outside teams will enter the competition Thursday.

A parade down Prince Rupert's main street Saturday will mark part of the official opening. Mayor P. J. Lester will throw the first rock.

Women taught lesson

A curling challenge by the Canadian Women's League to the Canada Men's Club proved unsuccessful for the women Sunday.

Each team, a team skipped by Art Murray and Archie Brown, curled against and by themselves. Men won both games.

Softballers meet

The Prince Rupert Women's Softball league last night started preparations for the 1959 season at a meeting held in the Savoy Hotel.

Margaret Youngman was elected to the office of president, Jeannette Macdonald vice-president, Mary Brunsek secretary-treasurer and Viola Krylowski secretary.

A schedule for the league's four teams, Savoy, Booth, Pulp, Inc. and Wells will be announced shortly.

Vernon, Kelowna in third tie

VERNON, B.C. (CP) — Vernon Canadians and Kelowna Packers battled to their third overtime tie in four games Monday night, coming out even at 6-6 in the fourth game of the Okanagan Senior Hockey League final.

Packers lead the best-of-seven series 1-0 on the basis of a victory in the third game after two earlier overtime draws.

Some 1,400 fans here saw Vernon pull goalie Hal Gordon in favor of an extra attacker to tie the game with 27 seconds left.

Jim Moro and Frank King paced Canadians with two goals each while other Vernon marksmen were Merv Didoski and Tom Steeyk.

Russ Kowalchuk led Kelowna with a pair. Greg Jablonski, Mike Durban, Moe Young and Jim Middleton added singles.

TOKYO (AP)—World flyweight champion Pascual Perez of Argentina will defend his title against Japan's Kenji Yonekura in Tokyo April 20 in a 15-round bout, it was announced Monday.

Margaret, Agnes take Celco bowling honors

Celco City Bowling league ace, Agnes Pierce of Rupert Motors, spilled the maples for a three-game ladies high average of 673 Thursday and Margaret Small of Sweet Sixteen carded a high single of 2281 to top the gals in Section A play.

Men's high single honors went to Jack Mitchell of Radio Cabs with a 284 and team mate Jack Rodie tallied a 715 high three to lead the team to a 4-0 sweep over Tom Boy.

Team high single and high three laurels were captured by Radio Cabs also with marks of 1258 and 3669.

In the B section, Jugheads' N. Polaschuk rolled 295 for ladies' high single and Lucky Royals' Mary McLeod with a 629 captured the high three.

George Couture of Savoy Hotel rolled his way to men's high single honors with a 310. High three was earned by A. Faithful of Pipefitters who bowled 689.

Savoy Hotel took team high single with 1240 and Lucky Royals team high three with 3228.

A League—Cooks 4, Allsorts 0; Radio Cabs 4, Tom Boy 0; RCMP 4, Good Neighbors 0; Wong's Cafe 3, Calysos 1; Rupert Motors 3, Oceanview Angels 1; Shop-Easy 3, Sweet Sixteen 1.

B League—Marine Radio 3, Jugheads 1; Co-op 4, Neighbors 0; Neal Evans 3, Johnson's Outboards 1; Savoy Hotel 3, Lucky Royals 1; Pipefitters 4, McRae Motors 0.

Dickie Moore leads scorers, Andy Bathgate, Beliveau next

MONTREAL (CP)—Dickie Moore and Jean Beliveau went on a scoring spree last week and gave the National Hockey League scoring race a far different look.

The two aces of Montreal Canadiens made their biggest haul in Montreal's 10-2 drubbing Saturday of Detroit Red Wings.

Moore scored two goals and four assists while Beliveau ran wild with four goals and three assists.

Picking up a few precious points in other games, Moore ran his over-all count for the week to eight. Beliveau bettered that by one.

TIED WITH BATHGATE

The net result, in the league's official statistics released today, is that Moore's one-point margin a week ago over Andy Bathgate of New York Rangers has been increased to five and Beliveau bounced up from fifth place to a second-place tie with Bathgate.

Moore now has a total of 82 points and Beliveau and Bathgate 77 each. Moore was the NHL scoring champion last season, finishing with 36 goals and 48 assists for 84 points, against his present 36 goals and 46 assists. Canadiens have seven more games left this season.

Beliveau, who missed six games earlier in the season, has 37 goals and 40 assists. He is the league's high man with goals. Moore is the assists leader with his 46.

Bathgate came up with a respectable four-point production last week, increasing his margin over Eddie Litzenberger of Chicago Black Hawks. Big Eddie bagged a pair of goals, running his point total to 73.

Litzenberger is in fourth place and Gordie Howe of Detroit, with one goal and one assist last week, in fifth with 71 points.

Bernie Geoffrion of Montreal is next with 66 points, followed by Red Sullivan of New York with 59 and Tod Sloan of Chicago with 56. Vic Stasiuk of Boston and Ted Lindsay of Chicago have 55.

Canadiens clinched the NHL title during the week, winning all three of their games. The second-place Black Hawks have 65 points, compared with Montreal's 84. Boston Bruins follow with 63 and New York with 62.

Toronto Maple Leafs have 55 points to 53 for Detroit's Red Wings.

NHL leaders

The leaders:

	G	A	Pts	Pen.
Moore, Mont.	36	46	82	59
Beliveau, Mont.	37	40	77	55
Bathgate, N.Y.	34	43	77	36
Litzenberger, Chic.	31	42	73	27
Howe, Detroit	28	43	71	53
Geoffrion, Mont.	22	44	66	28
Sullivan, N.Y.	19	40	59	54
Sloan, Chic.	25	31	56	71
Stasiuk, Boston	24	31	55	57
Lindsay, Chic.	21	34	55	176
Hebenton, N.Y.	30	23	53	8
McKenney, Boston	28	25	53	20
Bucyk, Boston	20	33	53	36
Henry, N.Y.	20	32	52	2

Penalties in minutes by clubs:
Detroit 551, Montreal 682, Toronto 747, New York 751, Boston 766, Chicago 819.

Record of Goalkeepers

Plante, Mont.	63	128	9	2.03
xPronovost, Mont.	1	2	0	2.00
Montreal totals:	63	130	9	2.06

x-Replaced Plante for 3rd period Feb. 5.

	G	GA	SO	Avg.
Chadwick, Tor.	30	88	3	2.90
Bower, Toronto	34	92	2	2.78
Toronto totals:	64	182	5	2.83
Hall, Chicago	64	185	1	2.87
Worsley, N.Y.	60	173	2	2.88
Gamble, N.Y.	2	6	0	3.00
Paille, N.Y.	1	4	0	4.00
xKlymkiw, N.Y.	1	2	0	2.00
New York totals:	63	185	2	2.94
Simmons, Boston	58	184	3	3.17
Lumley, Boston	5	8	1	1.60
Keenan, Boston	1	4	0	4.00
Boston totals:	64	196	4	3.06
Sawchuk, Detroit	61	188	4	3.08
Perreault, Detroit	3	9	1	3.00
Detroit totals:	64	197	5	3.08

x-Replaced Worsley at 1:10 of 3rd period, Oct. 12.

Vancouver squad title favorites

VANCOUVER (CP)—The defending champions from Vancouver's Lord Byng high school are favored to retain the provincial title here in the 14th annual B.C. boys' high school basketball tournament opening Wednesday.

Unofficial seedings in the 16-team schedule place Lord Byng in the first bracket with Vancouver College, Victoria Totems, Lester Pearson of New Westminster and King Edward of Vancouver following in that order.

Pancho whipped

BOSTON (AP)—Australia's Lew Hoad combined speed with his great variety of strokes to defeat pro tennis king Pancho Gonzales 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 Monday night in the opening of a two-night stand of the world professional tennis tour at the Boston Garden.

New York—Alonzo Johnson, 188 Pittsburgh, outpointed Jimmy Slade, 176½, New York, 10.

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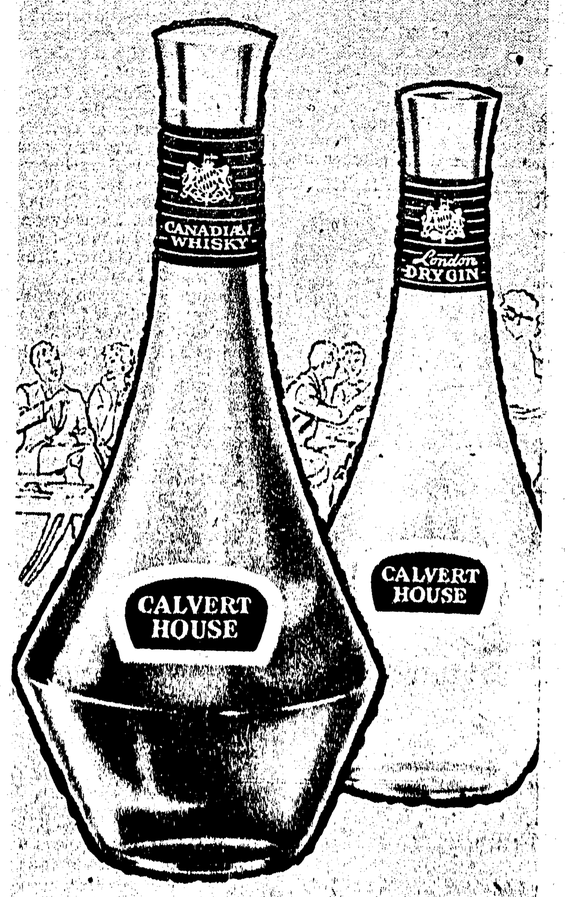

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