Kerr rink wins five-game marathon

Tops visiting shotmakers to capture triple honors

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Prince Rupert's Cathy Kerr rink, tired and weary after curling five games straight, early this morning walked away with three of the big events as the Women's Seventh Annual Bonspiel wound up for another year.

The Kerr quartet with Cathy skip, Marie Gurvich, third, Joan Sweeney, second, and Joan Stevens lead, started their marathon at 11 noon yesterday and came off the ice for the last time about 1 a.m. today after downing the Myrtle Lewis crew 10-4 for B Event.

Cathy and her enduring squad took B Event, C Event and the Grand Aggregate for the most wins. They won nine of 10 games.

The Joy Mitchell crew of Kitimat beat out the Elma Cooper rink of Terrace 13-4 to take A Event while the Irene Oliver rink of Terrace and the Alma Whatman string of Prince Rupert took D and E Events respectively.

Here then, bill curlers, bunspiel and bun crowding the entire lounge of the curling club early this morning to see the Kerr contingent receive the Bill Scale Furs Rose Bowl Trophy for B Event, the Dixie Cleaners trophy for C Event, the W. F. Stone trophy for the most wins, four similar bottles, four stone clocks and four mantelpieces.

The Mitchell rink received the Fashion Footwear trophy for A Event, the Mansson's Jewellers trophy was presented to the Oliver rink for D Event and the Whatman squad were handed four curling sets trophy for E Event.

In receiving her trophies and prizes, Cathy Kerr commended her crew for "Without their good curling we would not have been as successful."

The Mitchell and Oliver teams said they enjoyed the "Spiel" and would make an effort to return next year.

In yesterday afternoon and last night's play in A Event, both Prince Rupert rinks went down to defeat in the fours.

The Cooper rink defeated the King crew of Prince Rupert 14-3 while Mitchell downed Bateman of Prince Rupert 11-1.

B Event was taken up solely by Rupert rinks. Kerr drubbed the Shaw crew 12-2 and Lewis trounced Merrison 11-3.

In C Event earlier yesterday, Kerr took Pryde of Kitimat 12-6 and G. Johnston of Prince Rupert edged Ritchie of Prince Rupert 8-7.

The fours of D Event saw the Oliver string take the Lea McKay rink of Prince Rupert 11-3 and the Bateman crew down the Schumann squad of Prince Rupert 13-2. Oliver defied Bateman 17-7 in the final fixture.

The Whatman rink walked over the P. Ely crew 14-6 in the fours of E Event while the Olson rink of Terrace took the Brenner crew of Prince Rupert 7-5. Whatman downed Olson 9-8 in the finals.

Winning special prizes were the Sharpies rink of Terrace for the visiting rink playing most games and not entering finals; the G. Ely crew for the local rink playing the most games and not entering finals; the Schumann string for the rink scoring largest end first; the Dahl squad for the first rink to be knocked out of the "Spiel" and the McKeown rink of Port Edward for the rink taking the worst beating.

Joe Smith acted as emcee for the presentation of trophies and Club President Lea McKay thanked all curlers for attending and invited them back for the English annual "Spiel" next year.

Results of draws from 2:15 p.m. yesterday until 12 midnight are as follows.

2:15 Draw—Bateman 7, Mitchell (K) 11 (A Event); Shaw 2, Kerr 12 (B Event); Lewis 11, Merrison 3 (B Event); G. Johnston 8, Ritchie 7 (C Event); Kerr 4, O'Carroll (K) 11 (E Event); Sharpies (T) 1, Olson (T) 4 (E Event).

4:30 Draw—Cooper (T) 14, King 3 (A Event); Bateman 13, Schumann 4 (D Event); Pryde (K) 6, Kerr 12 (C Event); Oliver (T) 11, McKay 3 (D Event); Olson (T) 1, O'Carroll (K) 1 (E Event).

8 O'Clock Draw—Whatman 16, P. Ely 6 (E Event); Brenner 5, Olson (T) 7 (E Event); Kerr 10, G. Johnston 7 (C Event).

10:30 Draw—Whatman 9, Olson (T) 8 (E Event); Kerr 10, Lewis 6 (B Event); Cooper (T) 4, Mitchell (K) 13 (A Event); Oliver (T) 17, Bateman 7 (D Event).

Last Night's Fights

New Orleans (AP)—Charley Joseph, 155, New Orleans, outpointed Henry Hank, 156, Detroit, 10.

Providence, R.I. (AP)—Chief Don Prout, 168½, Providence, stopped Jo Jo Cancias, 167½, Warren, R.I., 6.

WINNERS of A Event in the Prince Rupert Women's Seventh Annual Bonspiel is the Joy Mitchell squad of Kitimat above. Shown is Joy Mitchell, Verle McKeown, Peggy Levins and Polly Mitchell. Some 36 rinks took part in the successful event that came to a close last night. The Mitchell crew were presented with the Fashion Footwear trophy.
—Staff photo by Charles E. Giordano.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

New York (AP)—Tony Di Blase, 148, New York, outpointed Johnny Gorman, 146¾, New York, 10; Emile Griffith, 148, New York, outpointed Bobby Shell 147, Washington, 10.

Baltimore (AP)—Wayne Bethea, 203, New York, outpointed Rudy Watkins, 190, Baltimore, 10.

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Philadelphia (AP) — Bobby Hughes, 165½, Erie, Pa., knocked out Slim Jim Robinson, 169, Philadelphia, 1.

San Diego, Calif. (AP) — Pimi Barajas Jimenez, 123, Tijuana, Mexico, outpointed Ross Padilla, 123½, Stockton, Calif., 10.

Nelson takes Vernon two games in a row

NELSON (CP)—Nelson Maple Leafs took a two-game lead Monday night in the B.C. senior A hockey championships when they edged Vernon Canadians 3-2 in a tight game before a capacity

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The series now shifts to Vernon Wednesday night, when the teams will play their third game of the best-of-seven Savage Cup series.

It was the Leafs' ninth straight win—seven in the Western International Hockey League and two against the Canadians of the Okanagan League.

Warren Hicks, borrowed from Trail Smoke Eaters for the series Lee Hyssop and Bill Thieman scored for Nelson. Tom Stecyk and Willie Schmidt counted for Vernon.

Nelson got the only first-period goal and led 3-1 at the end of the second.

There were 51 shots on Leafs goalie George Wood, compared with only 21 against Hal Gordon of Vernon.

Hicks opened the scoring for Nelson with a wicked shot from 16 feet out after taking a pass from George Ferguson, also a Trail Smoke Eater.

The Leafs banged in two more in the first half of the second period. Hyssop and Shorty Mackie teamed up on the first one. Less than a minute later Thieman scored his first goal in 12 games.

The fans were just settling back when Vernon roared into life and, after pounding the Leaf defence for five minutes, scored their first goal. Stecyk rifled the puck through a maze of players, picking the top left-hand corner.

Vernon's second goal came in the third while the Leafs' Marsh Severyn and Mickey Maglio were in the penalty box. Schmidt, a former Nelson coach, popped it in on an assist from Ogie Lowe.

Shortly after WHL referee Paul Bonnk was struck in the mouth with a puck and the game was held up for 16 minutes. He resumed action, however, and worked out the balance of the game.

Vernon pulled its goalie in the last minute in a fruitless effort to tie the score.

NHL oddsmakers set favorites

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal Canadiens were quoted in betting circles Monday as 4½-to-1 favorites to defeat Chicago Black Hawks in their semi-final Stanley Cup series and Boston Bruins were 11-to-5 favorites over Toronto Maple Leafs in the other semi-final.

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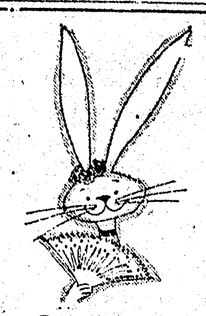
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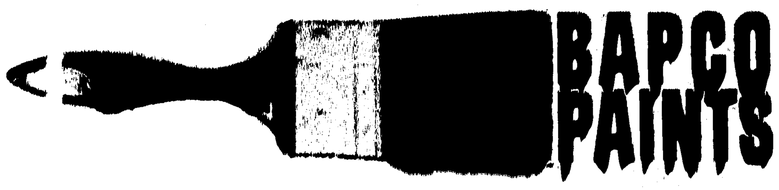
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