The Way I See It

By GARY OAKES
Sports Editor

Tomorrow night Prince Rupert will be blessed with the appearance of Vancouver's "Loquacious Lithuanian" **Bob Pickell.**

Pickell, who is considered by many to be one of Canada's outstanding basketball players, will be speaking at the annual basketball banquet and dance to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Canadian Legion auditorium.

The chunky hoopster is well known for his sharp playing over the years and his verbosity. They say he earned the "Loquacious Lithuanian" title even before ex-B.C. Lions coach **Annis Stukus** made the scene.

"I played football for him in Edmonton," Pickell recalls. "He says the only reason I stayed with the team was because I spoke his language, but that's a lie."

Pickell, whose age ranges between 34 and 38 and whose height is somewhere between six-foot five, and 19-foot 10, is a sports announcer for radio station CKLG of North Vancouver.

It is believed he received his schooling and some basketball education at Vancouver College.

He has played on two Olympic basketball teams and also in the Pan-American Games. Pickell has been playing in the Inter-City Basketball League for more than 10 years and has won the league scoring title every year.

Pickell may play Saturday

The man who is described as having an obsession to talk long and loud, played ball in Edmonton in 1952 and also won the title there.

In 1953 he played in Honolulu but "some big All-American beat me out. However, I was the top rebounder on the club. I was playing forward, not centre, then, so I actually didn't have a fair chance for the scoring title."

Local athletes say Pickell knows all the tricks of the trade and has 1,001 fakes. He plays centre and they say he can and does outplay many other far taller centres.

In a recent interview with a Vancouver scribe, Pickell announced: "The Puritans have just signed the player who will win for them the Inter-City Basketball League Championship."

"Who's that?" he was asked.

"Me," he replied, matter-of-factly.

Pickell will spend Saturday at the Civic Centre helping out the minor league teams. The senior and intermediate leagues open their 1961-62 season Saturday night and it's possible Bob may play.

The opening night will see UFAWU's "fightin' fishermen" play Booth Memorial High School in an intermediate B game at 6:30 p.m. Rainmakers will tangle with Sunrise at 7:30 p.m. in an Intermediate A game. Final game of the night will pit Savoy against Kitkatla at 8:30 p.m. If Pickell plays it may be for Sunrise unless local officials change their minds between now and then.

Presentations to be made

A few presentations will be made at the hoop banquet tomorrow including most valuable player in both leagues and one award for the most sportsmanship-like player.

It's a good function anytime and with the addition of Pickell, the banquet and dance affair promises to be a memorable evening.

Tickets may be purchased at Gateway, Sports Shop, Universal or at the door.

There's lots of room in the Legion auditorium and the basketball people would like to fill it if possible. If you're interested in Pickell, interested in having a good time, interested in basketball, or just plain interested, grab hubby, wife, girlfriend or boyfriend and come on down.

Speaking of basketball, Monday night's official opening of Minor Basketball went off without a hitch. Commissioner **Les Stevens** introduced the teams and coaches and our local MLA, **Bill Murray** made a fine opening address.

From this end we thought the youngsters played a hustling, action-packed brand of ball, something which has been lacking in the senior and intermediate leagues. The kids are digging all the time and it provides good entertainment for local hoop fans at a low price.

But minor hoop is the same as Little League baseball. It needs continual support to keep operating. So do your little part and wander down to the Civic Centre any Monday or Saturday. Better yet, why not drop down every Monday and Saturday.

"Greatest" in business again

Terry Lewis, the poor man's **Ken Watson**, is back in business as the "World's Greatest Curler" . . . In case you hadn't heard, Lewis' rink won the Mixed Bonspiel for the second year in-a-row . . . After he won it last year, anyone phoning his home would be greeted with: "Hello, world's greatest curler speaking!" . . . Good luck anyway Terry . . . We had our first crack at curling Tuesday night, literally . . . Apart from bruised fingers, blistered hands, cracked elbows and aches and pains all over, we feel great . . . Seriously, it was a lot of fun and although tormented with constant pain, we'll keep at it . . . **Bill Lambie** says he doesn't want the gals moved out of Gyro Park and will fight us until death or summer . . . Okay Bill, get the gals together and let's have some reasons why they should stay . . . Round two coming up . . . Several local types have reported seeing swans in the area . . . It could be that they are of the whistler or trumpeter variety so don't shoot 'em or you'll pay a stiff fine . . . They are extremely rare and protected by law . . . Three were shot in the lower mainland last weekend and we hear a manhunt has been launched to find the guilty party or parties . . . Fluorescent blaze orange has been established as the best color for hunting caps . . . It may save a few heads . . . Your own, for instance.

END NOTES: Contrary to popular belief, we do not arrive at our predictions by playing a blindfolded game of darts. As a matter of fact we never use a blindfold. Our score to date is 27 right, 22 wrong and two ties. So here is the current crop. It'll be: B.C. over Regina; Winnipeg over Regina; Edmonton over Calgary; Hamilton over Ottawa; and Toronto over Montreal.

Bucks down Seals 3-1

By The Canadian Press

Coach Hal Laycoe of Portland Buckaroos figures his club to be different this season — sometimes defensively weak, but "generally hot as a scoring unit."

Wednesday, defending-champion Bucks of the Western Hockey League were hot. And it was left winger Gord Fashoway, 35, who did most of the digging.

Fash scored his 408th and 409th WHL goals as Buckaroos downed San Francisco Seals 3-1.

In a second game Dennis Riggin scored the first shutout of the young season when his Flyers blanked Los Angeles Blades 3-0 in Edmonton.

The victory was Edmonton's fourth against no losses. Portland heads the league's Southern Division with five wins and a loss.

Fashoway, playing his 14th WHL season, put Bucks ahead to stay at the end of the first period, following up a goal by Arnie Schmautz who scored after a power play. Bob Solinger had given the Seals a brief 1-0 lead two minutes after the game started.

The second period was scoreless, and Fashoway's third-period slap shot rounded out the Portland victory.

Laycoe had solid help Wednesday in goaltender Bruce Gamble who turned aside 40 shots, compared with Roy Bentley's 26.

Riggin, meanwhile handled 31 shots in the Edmonton victory as Marcel Pelletier blocked 44 for Blades.

Old Stars win

TORONTO (CP) — Some of hockey's outstanding players emerged from retirement for a couple of hours Wednesday night to raise money for the needy.

They called themselves the National Hockey League Old Stars and showed enough of their faded talent to beat the Canadian-Italian All-Stars 10-4. 100 fans who contributed $1,176 to the Metropolitan Toronto United Appeal.

PUCK ACTION — Van's Skip Cronck (centre) takes a shot at Philpott Evitt goalie Roger Truscott during Tuesday's opening game of the Junior Floor Hockey League. Van's won game 16-8.
— Photo by Jake Vandenbrink

Savoy whips Sports Shop in floor hockey opener

Paced by Alf Moran's nine goals, Savoy romped to a 21-9 win over Sports Shop in the opening game of the 1961-62 Senior Floor Hockey League.

In the junior opener Van's trounced Philpott Evitt 16-8.

The senior battle was a solid contest which saw Sports Shop goalie Gil Gaudry injured in the first few minutes of play. Moran accidentally belted Gaudry across the face with his stick during a goal-mouth scramble.

Gil was taken to hospital where it was learned he had a broken nose. He told The Daily News yesterday that he'd be out of action for quite some time.

Gaudry was replaced in goal by Gordy Cameron and this left a large hole in the Sports Shop defence.

Moran started fast, scoring four goals in the first period as Savoy took a 5-3 lead.

Last year's playoff champions never did get started. They were behind all the way as they managed only three goals each period.

Savoy, on the other hand, increased their scoring output each period. They scored five in the first, seven in the second and nine in the third. They led 12-6 at the end of the second.

Sports Shop received eight penalties while Savoy picked up 10 including two majors. Savoy goalie Norm Mierau and Cameron were both penalized in the third period.

Adolpho Paolinelli pumped in six goals to help Savoy. He and Moran may end up battling it out for the scoring title.

Vic Witchen and Doug Brunton tallied three goals each for Sports Shop.

In the junior game Van's grabbed a 5-1 first-period lead and never looked back. The two teams matched goals in the second period but Van's still led 8-4. In the final period Van's outscored Philpott 8-4 to wrap it up.

Bill Pottle and Gordy Cameron paced the Van's attack with four goals each while Larry Veitch and Wayne Specht led Philpott with two each.

Next league action is tomorrow beginning at 7 p.m.

Gardini sits out

MILAN (AP) — Fausto Gardini, veteran Italian Davis Cup tennis player, said today he will not go to Australia for the challenge round because the Italian Tennis Federation wants to confine him to the role of reserve.

Gardini, 32, said he asked the Italian Federation to be included in the official team for the finals. The federation turned him down.

Official players named by the federation are Orlando Sirola and Nicola Pietrangeli, the doubles team unbeatable in European Davis Cup play since 1955.

Last Night's Fights

Phoenix, Ariz. (AP) — Leroy Green, 175¾, Phoenix, stopped Bobby Boyd, 173, Portland, Ore., (10).

Rochester, Minn. (AP)—Mel Collins, 157, Far Rockaway, N.Y., outpointed Duane Horsman, 161, Chatfield, Minn., (10).

Bruins, Rangers tie 1-1

By LAURENT CHIASSON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Montreal Canadiens are no scoring slouches as their 4.4-goals average for five games indicates.

But consider how much tougher the Habs would be if they could lay claim to all the goals being scored in the National Hockey League this season by some of their former possessions.

Bob Turner, one of the league's most versatile players who now is with Chicago Black Hawks, got the 25th Wednesday night with the 1961-62 season only two weeks old.

It was Turner's second goal in seven games with the Black Hawks—matching his entire output during 114 games with Canadiens in 1959-60 and 1960-61—and provided his teammates a 1-1 tie with the Rangers at New York.

By virtue of the tie, Rangers moved back into first place—one point ahead of the idle Canadiens. The Blueshirts have 10 points in nine games while the Canadiens, unbeaten in five starts, have nine points.

Montreal gets a chance tonight to gain sole possession of the leadership when it plays host to the Black Hawks. Detroit Red Wings will be in Boston for a game against the lowly Bruins in another game tonight.

Turner's goal came at the 57-second mark of the second period and sent the Black Hawks into a 1-0 lead. Ken Schinkel tied it 1-1 with his first goal of the season.

School grid team takes 9 straight

ARDMORE, Ala. (AP) — When Ardmore High School unveiled its 1961 football team a couple of months ago, fans expected plenty of action. They got it.

The Tigers whipped through their schedule with nine straight victories, scoring an amazing 443 points and limiting the enemy to a total of two touchdowns.

In the first three weeks of the schedule, the Tigers settled the Limestone County championship by mauling West Limestone 40-0, Elkmont 40-0 and Tanner 53-0. Then they crushed four Tennessee opponents, Lynnville 40-0, Lynchburgh 46-12, Blanche 49-0 and Petersburgh 54-0.

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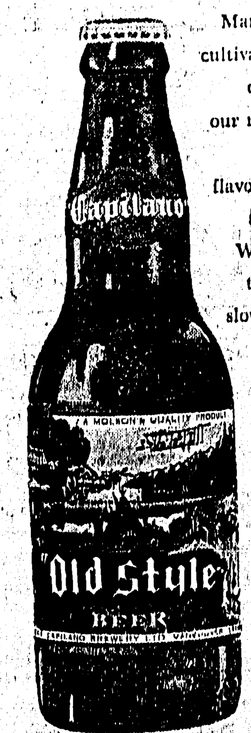

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