The Way I See It

By GARY OAKES
Sports Editor

The Prince Rupert Masonic Association recently sent a letter to the Parks Commission objecting to the use of Gyro Park as a place to play softball.

It was pointed out in the letter that the association has just completed a $15,000 renovation of the Masonic Temple and does not wish to have softballs or any other kind of balls bouncing off the walls. Members complained last year about broken glass, cracked walls and broken car windows.

The letter, from chairman **Alex Mitchell**, said that if any damage was done to the building in this way, the Parks Commission would be responsible. The Masons feel the park should be reverted back to what it was originally intended—a playground for children—or made into tennis courts.

If the Parks Commission doesn't take any notice of this, the association could insist a fence be constructed on the west side of the temple. The property line of the association is 37 feet west of the temple and if a fence is erected it will have to be located past this line.

This will cut off a good section of the park and will reduce the playing area. The fence would also have to be high enough to protect the roof of the temple. This would be an extremely costly operation.

Boiled down, it means that the Parks Commission will have to move the Women's Softball League down to Algoma Park.

Gyro Park too small

We realize that the girls don't want to move for economic reasons. They make more money at Gyro than they would at Algoma for the first while. Also, the crowds are good and Gyro is much closer than Algoma.

But to be realistic for a moment, let's consider the facts. Gyro's playing area is small to begin with. If a fence is constructed it will reduce it even more. Secondly, the city's long-range recreation plan calls for all sports to be located in Algoma. Senior baseball will probably remain at Roosevelt Park because it would be impractical to move after so much money has been poured into the park.

In actual fact, the Parks Commission could order the gals out of Gyro and they wouldn't have a thing to say about it. But they don't like to force anyone to do anything.

Commission chairman **Harry Harrison** says the Parks Commission can't do anything until they find out if they'll have any money. He says they would have to prepare another field and backstop for the girls if they're moved to Algoma. But, he added, if the other leagues agreed, the gals could play on either the Men's Softball League diamond or the Columbia Cellulose Softball League diamond. It would simply be a case of the leagues dividing their time correctly. He will try and arrange a meeting in the spring between the Parks Commission and all the sporting organizations that use Algoma.

Girls belong at Algoma

We see no reason why this can't be arranged at no cost to anyone. The leagues would have to submit playing times they'd like and then fit the girls in during the open nights. There should be no question about this. The soccer people may have to play their weekend games in the afternoons but this wouldn't be too much of an inconvenience. The point is, it could and should be done. In actual fact the girls aren't supposed to be at Gyro anyway. It was supposed to be only a temporary move. We hope the girls realize this and don't complain too much. Once they get used to travelling the extra distance it will be a snap. Also, the crowds will go with them after a while. So in the long run it isn't going to make any difference. See you at Algoma girls.

While we're on the subject of the Parks Commission, we understand the tennis courts will probably be built at Algoma now. The commission is investigating the cost of wooden courts instead of asphalt ones. We also hear that city work on the golf course will get underway this week. Apparently four men will be working on clearing the land until Christmas.

This, and clearing and landscaping programs at both Roosevelt Park and McClymont Park, will be done under the winter works program.

Minor hoop begins Monday

Curling is in the air and **Pete Bell** asks anyone interested in curling in the **Men's League** to call him at 4183. More rinks and members are needed so hustle right off to the phone . . . While you're at it, call **M. A. Schultz** at 5088 or **Jack Paul** at 2460 if you're interested in curling in the Commercial League . . . This league curls from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday . . . The official opening of Minor Basketball will be held at 8 p.m. Monday at the Civic Centre . . . Games will start at 6 p.m. and there'll be a short break for the official opening . . . All teams in the minor organization will be presented to the public in full uniforms . . . The opening address will be given by local MLA **Bill Murray** while the league commissioner **Les Stevens** will also give a short speech . . . They want everyone possible to attend the opening and support the kids . . . So bring yourself and everyone else possible down . . .

Former Daily News Sports Editor **Charlie Giordano** has been promoted to city editor on the Kelowna Courier . . . Congrats Chas, keep up the good work . . . Better-late-than-never **Darrel "Big Daddy" Young** lumbered into the office the other day and handed us the 1961 baseball statistics . . . It seems that Charlie's brother Joe won the batting title with a .362 average . . . Yet Joe's team, Belmonts, placed only fourth in the team batting average . . . But they had the best team pitching earned run average . . . Esquires' **Bill Sundberg** had the most hits (25) and the most doubles (9) but most other honors were taken by Terrace players . . . The baseball banquet will be held this Saturday at the Canadian Legion auditorium.

AFTER THE BELL: Our current score on grid predictions is: 24 right, 21 wrong and two ties. As you can see we're improving. Anyway, for the next session it'll be: Calgary over Regina; Winnipeg over Calgary; Hamilton over Montreal; and Ottawa over Toronto.

Weakened Habs still tops

League leaders dealt second loss

By LAURENT CHIASSON
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This is supposed to be the year that Montreal Canadiens domination of the National Hockey League finally cracks. After all, the Habs, plagued by injuries and without all-star defenceman Doug Harvey, must be weaker than in recent seasons.

Or are they? Two impressive victories over the upstart New York Rangers leave ground for speculation.

The Canadiens, with high scorers Jean Beliveau and Dickie Moore on the sidelines with knee injuries, made it look easy Wednesday night in dumping the Rangers 5-2 at New York in the league's only scheduled game.

Only four nights earlier, the Canadiens beat New York 3-1 at Monteal for the only two defeats the first-place Rangers have suffered in five starts. Montreal, undefeated after three games, vaulted into second place with Wednesday's win—only one point behind the Rangers.

The fact that Canadiens always have had trouble coping with the Rangers in New York in recent years made that performance even more impressive.

DIDN'T SKATE

"They outskated us," barked New York general manager Muzz Patrick after the game. "It's not so much that we can't skate with them as the fact we didn't.

"Over the years we've done well with them at home, often with teams not as good as the one we have now."

The Canadiens never trailed in Wednesday night's game, though Rangers twice rallied to tie the score in the early stages.

They dominated play throughout and didn't allow the Rangers a clear shot on goalie Jacques Plante until the game was five minutes old.

In all Plante made only 15 saves.

It was 1-0 Montreal after one period, Ralph Backstrom converting passes from Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion and Don Marshall at 4:36.

Dean Prentice tied the score at 1:42 of the second period, just two seconds before Montreal's Claude Provost was to return to the ice from serving a minor penalty.

Henri Richard gave the Canadiens a 2-1 lead less than three minutes later only to have Guy Gendron tie it up again at 9:13.

GIVES HABS MARGIN

Gilles Tremblay gave the Canadiens a 3-2 margin at 15:11 of the second period and the Habs never looked back after that. They got a fourth goal from Bill Hicke before the period ended and another from Marcel Bonin in the third.

One of the few bright spots for Rangers was Andy Bathgate's two assists.

ESCAPE — Fullback Bill Hill of Edmonton Eskimos dashes over the sideline to avoid the violent attentions of Saskatchewan Rough Riders Larry Dumelie (26) and Clair Branch during the Western Football Conference game in Edmonton Saturday night. Edmonton overcame Saskatchewans 6-0 half-time lead to win the game 21-10. — CP Photo

OC Soccer

LONDON (Reuters) — Results of Wednesday night's Old Country soccer games:

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division I
Cardiff 2 West Brom 2
Division II
Southampton 0 Preston 0
Division III
Shrewsbury 5 Watford 1
Division IV
Bradford 0 Chesterfield 2
Rochdale 1 Darlington 3
Wrexham 3 Doncaster 1
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division I
St. Johnston 0 Celtic 3

Legion curling set gets underway Sunday

Canadian Legion curling will get underway at 9 p.m. Sunday at the rink.

There will be a general meeting at 8 p.m. that night for all curlers.

Following is a list of the teams and the schedule from Sunday to December 17.

Teams are:

Jean Gordon, skip, R. Ericksen, third, B. Christie, second and L. Gordon, lead;

D. Gomez, J. Nixon, A. Rutherford and R. Mahoney;

C. Kerr, L. Veitch, B. Petersen and L. Booth;

G. Johnson, T. Anderson, J. McKee and E. Lay;

S. Veitch, P. Cullen, T. Wardrope and B. Astoria.

E. Dyer, L. Ericksen, R. Thompson and B. Mullins;

B. Jefferies, P. Peterson, M. Cullen and A. White;

B. Simundson, B. Brett, D. McCorkindale and K. Bernard,

J. Williams, B. Peterson, B. Williams and K. Aird;

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E. Wampler, J. McCorkindale, M. Ryan and W. Poole;

J. Shepherd, J. Duncan, D. Mullen and W. Klocher.

Spares are: D. Kerr, A. Faulkner, T. Armstrong, A. Jefferies, F. Johnson, D. Booth, M. Standaford, N. Standaford, I. White, T. White and G. Waag.

Here is the schedule:

Sunday

Simundson vs Johnson; Wampler vs Armstrong; Veitch vs Shepherd; Kerr vs Gomez; Williams vs Jefferies; and Gordon vs Dyer.

November 5

Veitch vs Johnson; Simundson vs Jefferies; Gordon vs Gomez; Williams vs Shepherd; Wampler vs Dyer; and Kerr vs Armstrong.

November 12

Kerr vs Williams; Johnson vs Dyer; Simundson vs Gordon; Armstrong vs Shepherd; Wampler vs Veitch; and Gomez vs Jefferies.

November 19

Wampler vs Shepherd; Kerr vs Jefferies; Veitch vs Gomez; Williams vs Dyer; Gordon vs Johnson; and Simundson vs Armstrong.

November 26

Veitch vs Armstrong; Williams vs. Gomez; Simundson vs Dyer; Wampler vs Johnson; Kerr vs Shepherd; and Gordon vs Jefferies.

December 3

Simundson vs Williams; Wampler vs Kerr; Johnson vs Jefferies; Veitch vs Gordon; Armstrong vs Gomez; and Shepherd vs Dyer.

December 10

Kerr vs Dyer; Gordon vs Armstrong; Simundson vs Shepherd; Wampler vs Gomez; Williams vs Johnson; and Veitch vs Jefferies.

December 17

Simundson vs Wampler; Veitch vs Kerr; Williams vs Gordon; Johnson vs Armstong; Shepherd vs Gomez; and Jefferies vs Dyer.

Hoop players embarrassed

BOSTON (AP) — Walter Brown, owner of Boston Celtics of the National Basketball Association, said Wednesday his team, which has white and Negro players, "will never play another exhibition game in the south or any other place where they might be embarrassed."

He was referring to an incident Tuesday night in which two of his Negro players were refused service at a hotel coffee shop.

"I didn't want to go down there," Brown said. "I had promised that after an unpleasant incident at Charlotte, N.C., previously when the boys were embarrassed."

"I'm not so hungry for money that I'd arrange games where my players might be embarrassed. Never again."

Brabham, Moss duel

MONTEREY, Calif. (AP)—Former international driving champion Jack Brabham and his old track antagonist, Stirling Moss, resume their duelling Sunday on the tough, twisting 200 miles of the Pacific Grand Prix.

Newcombe released

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Don Newcombe, former major league hurler who was 0-8 for Spokane Indians of the Pacific Coast League last season, was given his outright release Wednesday.

Flyers nip Seals

The new San Francisco entry in the Western Hockey League suffered its third defeat Wednesday night, 4-1, at the hands of Edmonton Flyers.

Patterson must fight NBA's top challenger

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — The National Boxing Association will recognize the December 4 heavyweight battle between champion Floyd Patterson and Tom McNeeley as a world title event, but has decreed this will not relieve Patterson of his obligation to meet the NBA's top challenger by next March 13.

The association's stand was made known Tuesday by Dr. Charles Larson, NBA president.

Patterson and McNeeley, from Arlington, Mass., and ranked 10th by the NBA, meet in a 15-rounder in Toronto. The association's current No. 1 challenger is Henry Cooper of England. NBA rules stipulate the world king must clash with the leading challenger at least once a year.

Patterson and McNeeley signed their contract Monday. The agreement contained a return-fight clause which stipulates that if McNeeley wins he must give Patterson a rematch within 120 days.

Larson said if McNeeley emerged the champion the NBA will not hold him to the rematch clause.

"If he wanted to duck out on the rematch, we would not suspend him."

AVOIDS REMATCHES

Larson said the association went on record as being against such agreements at its recent convention in Hershey, Pa., to avoid having a series of rematches of the same opponents as in the case of Patterson and Sweden's Ingemar Johansson.

"This does not permit any new challengers of merit to get into the picture," he said.

As for the requirement that Patterson meet the top-ranked challenger by the March 13 deadline, Larson said: "If there is a legitimate No. 1 man, we are going to insist that the champion defend against him at least once a year."

If Patterson does not do so, the NBA will declare the title vacant. The NBA would then arrange a match or series of fights among leading contenders to pick a champion. Patterson has not fought since last March when he beat Johansson to retain the crown.

Larson said Patterson and his manager, Cus D'Amato were notified of the NBA ruling regarding rematch clauses.

Yanks want Gibbs

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