NORTHERN ZONE CHAMPS — Front row (L to R) Wayne Specht, Allan Mah, Wayne Haldane, Ken Shields. Second row (L - R) Brian Specht, David Pitre, Bill Pettle, Dune Anderson. Back row (L - R) Skip Cronck, Cliff McArthur, Denny Rooney, Bill Galpin, Coach Don Hartwig.

GIRLS CHAMPIONS — Prince Rupert Rainbirds. Front row (L - R) Sheila Kingerski, Judy Grimolfson, J. Pinniwer, Dina McKay. Top row (L - R) Carol McKay, Maggie Muller, Shirley Olsen, Linda Pelto, M. Lewis.

LOCALS WILL TRAVEL TO PROVINCIAL TOURNEY IN VANCOUVER

Rainmakers, Rainbirds victorious —win Northern zone hoop crowns

By HARV RAYMOND

Rainmakers 53, Kitimat 48
Rainmakers 11, Ocean Falls 6

Prince Rupert Senior Secondary High School accomplished the rare double in Northern Zone basketball play Saturday night as the favored Rainmakers edged Kitimat Chiefs 53-48 and Rainbirds knocked over upset minded Ocean Falls Charmers 11-6.

The double victories give Rupert the zone championships in both boys and girls sections, and afford both teams the enviable chance of journeying to Vancouver the week of March 11, to compete in the provincial high school playdowns.

The crowd estimated at better than 600 fans were kept on the edge of their seats in the Rainmaker-Kitimat go. Rainmakers led 26-21 after one half and the two teams traded hoop for hoop in the second half with the locals maintaining their five point margin.

SHOOTING PHENOMENAL

he shooting percentage on both sides was excellent as Rainmakers pumped in a hot 47 per cent over the game and Chiefs 40 per cent. Both squads were 80 per cent true from the free throw line.

DIFFERENCE WAS BALANCE

The difference in the struggle seemed to be the fine Rainmaker balance. Coach Hartwig went all the way with his five Rainmaker starters: Skip Cronck, Ken Shields, Brian Specht, David Pitre and Wayne Haldane.

Coach Ed Reimer of Kitimat was forced to go to his bench repeatedly as his big men seemed to tire in the fast going.

Rainmakers played a sagging man for man defense all through the tilt. Kitimat started out in a zone, but shifted back to man to man after the opening whistle of the second half.

DEFENCE BRILLIANT

With pint sized guard Brian Specht hounding Kitimat ace Bill Forward to distraction, and Skip Cronck and Ken Shields doing yeomen's work on the offensive and defensive boards the Rainmakers squeezed through with what I call a players and coaches dream of a game.

MOST VALUABLE

With most of the locals defence aimed a halting Chief's guard Bill Forward, another shining lihgt appeared for Kitimat five. Pete Barriscale a whirling dervish, 6 foot guard, and a senior almost single-handedly stole victory from the Rainmakers. He did just about everything that could be expected of a super start as he packed the ball up the floor, set up baskets, rebounded, and incidently pourred home 23 points for the losers. Coaches, referees and Press gave him their unanimous vote as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The usually high scoring Forward was held to a bare 11 points by the leechlike checking of Rainmaker captain Brian Specht, "scrawny" to his friends.

Again balance was the Rainmaker key as Ken Shields tossed in 16 points, Cronck and Specht 11 apiece and Haldane 10.

REBOUND EDGE

Cronck and Shields combined for a 27-21 edge on the board over Steve Barnwell, Bill Forward and the hustling Barriscale.

Cronck alone was good for 18 rebounds -7 on offence, 11 on defence. The Kitimat height advantage was overcome by Cronck's and Shield's hustle and good position.

It was a heartbreaker for the losers and a blood boiler for fans and local boosters. To coaches Hartwig and Reimer our congratulations on showing sportmanship and ability and a sincere love for the game—the best team won, but just.

To add to Hartwig's pleasant headache the Rainbirds who earlier were not even considered good enough to be registered for provincial playdowns, came through in fine fashion to win the girls zone championship and the right—note I said to the right—to compete provincially.

They outfought and outclawed a game band of Ocean Falls Charmers 11-6. Though, I confess girls basketball may not be the most technically perfect sport to watch, you have to admire the girls grit and stamina.

Rainbirds led 9-0 after one half of play, but were outscored 6-2 in the finale by the never say die Charmers.

Maggie Muller and Judy Grimolfson paced the Rainbirds scoring both six and four points respectively. Jean Robertson counted four points for the losing Charmers.

GRIMOLFSON MVP

Tournament officials chose Grimolfson of the Rainbirds as the girls most valuable player.

Boys First All-Stars
Brian Specht—Rainmakers
Skip Cronck—Rainmakers
Pete Barriscale—Kitimat
Bill Forward—Kitimat
Ken Shields—Rainmakers

Second All-Stars
Wayne Haldane—Rainmakers
Jim Greer—Booth Memorial
Steve Barnwell—Kitimat
Sandy Gilchrist—Ocean Falls
Joe Prokopchuck — Terrace Skeenas

Girls First Team All-Stars
Maggie Muller—Rainbirds
Shirley Olsen—Rainbirds
Joan Stickney—Kitimat
Marie Barnes—Ocean Falls
Judy Grimolfson—Rainbirds

Second All-Stars
Connie Conrad—Kitimat
Judy Moore—Booth Memorial
Janice Robertson—Ocean Falls
Wendy Grant—Terrace
Sue Sargent—Hazleton

Now the major stumbling block must yet be overcome. The expensive trip for the team to Vancouver must be paid for. Headaches, heartbreaks, heartbeats—hurry Hartwig.

LINEUPS

Rainmakers: Cronck 11, Specht 11, Shields 16, Haldane 10, Pitre 5. Total 53.

Kitimat: Forward 11, Barnwell 9, Barriscale 23, Yedresyski 4, Nesbit 1. Total 48.

Rainbirds: Muller 6, Grimolfsen 4, Olson 1. Total 11.

Charmers: Barnes 2, Robertson 4. Total 6.

OTHER GAMES

Boys: Ocean Falls 54, Terrace 47 (overtime); Booth Ravens 44, Ocean Falls 39; Rainmakers 58, Ocean Falls 24.

Girls: Kitimat 24, Terrace 14; Both 22, Hazleton 8; Ocean Falls 18, Booth 11; Kitimat 13, Booth 8; Rainbirds 9, Hazleton 5.

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Sports

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Shuttle results

The Prince Rupert Civic Centre Badminton club's year end tournament was completed Sunday evening.

There were a total of 80 matches played in two flights (five events each flight).

Winners of A Flight
Women's Singles
Helga Worster beat Rita King 12-10, 11-5.

Men's Singles
Mike O'Brien beat Helge Holkestad 12-14, 15-9.

Women's Doubles
Magda Adolph and Helge Worster beat Rita King and Dorothy Ratcliffe 15-3, 15-8.

Men's Doubles
Carl Elzerza and Jimmy Stephens beat Art Garratt and Mike O'Brien 17-14, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles
Magda Adolph and Helge Holkestad beat Hazel and Jimmy Stephens 15-6, 15-2.

Winners of B Flight
Women's Singles
Jean Schubert beat Judi Elliott 11-0, 11-4.

Men's Singles
Bill Syminton beat Denis King 2-15, 15-4, 15-12.

Women's Doubles
Marguerite Perry and Ann Bell beat Audrey Madge and Jean Schubert 15-4, 15-2.

Men's Doubles
Tom Traynor and Denis King beat Rod Strodl and Dan McNeal 15-3, 15-4.

Mixed Doubles
Fran Cross and Bob Lum beat Elsie Holder and Dave Bown 5-15, 17-14, 15-11.

Club members are to be reminded that badminton will be played in the auditorium only, next Wednesday.

Members interested in going to the Prince George Tournament please contact Games Committee Chairman.

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NHL playoffs picture settled —Boston, New York eliminated

By The Canadian Press

The weekend shuffle has settled the playoff picture in the National Hockey League.

Now the four clubs qualified for the Stanley Cup series are about the business of determining who plays who.

A pair of losses coupled with two wins by Detroit Red Wings dropped New York Rangers from the post-season series and they will join Boston Bruins on the sidelines when the schedule ends later this month.

The Red Wings put the finishing touch to it in New York Sunday night a 3-2 win.

Saturday night the Wings drubbed the Canadiens 7-1 in Montreal and the Maple Leafs shaded the Rangers 4-3 in Toronto.

In other weekend action the Canadiens and Black Hawks played to a 2-2 tie in Chicago Sunday night and the Leafs thumped the Bruins 6-3 in Boston.

The Hawks remain in fourth place with 70 points, but their lead was chopped to four points by Toronto. The Canadiens moved with 67 and Detroit remains with 65.

YOUNG GETS WINNER

In New York, the Wings withstood a late rally to win on the fourth goal of the season for bad - boy defenceman Howie Young.

MINOR HOOP ROUNDUP

Rupert Motors minor champs —Chiefs, Orphans, deadlocked

Rupert Motors dumped Broadway Cafe 25-15 in minor cage action at the Civic Centre Saturday to capture the championship for the 14-15 age group.

The teams had previously split the two encounters and the motor-men came up with the clincher [illegible]

Rupert Motors led 3-5 after one [illegible] but [illegible] ended the cattery [illegible] in the finale to win [illegible] Timms was high [illegible] winners scoring nine [illegible]

[illegible] scored seven in a [illegible]

In the preliminary, Little [illegible] avenged their best of three series with Orphans at one game apiece by nipping the Orphans 23-22 in double overtime.

Score was tied 18-all after regulation time. Both clubs managed two points apiece in the first overtime-score tied 20 all.

In the second overtime Chiefs coins counted three points to Orphans two to win the struggle.

Rick Haugan was the big man for Chiefs rapping in 10 points. For the losers M. Comadino scored six.

Third and deciding game goes Saturday, March 9, at 11:00 a.m. at the Centre for the championship of the 12-13 age group.

Cougars capture puck title —dump favored Celgar 13-10

Sparked by the five goal outburst of Adolpho Paolinelli, Cougars dumped Celgar 13-10 in senior floor hockey at the Civic Centre Friday night to capture the championship in two straight games.

Celgar took an early 6-3 first period lead. Cougars fought back to tie it up 10 all after two periods and shut out the tiring mill crew 3-0 in the final period to in the title.

Penalties played a major role in the rough and tumble tilt as Celgar picked up 17 minors to the Cougars 9, handed out by referees Ron Davis and Ron Basso.

For the losers, Al Anderson counted a hat trick while Dopson rapped in three for the winning Cougars.

In the junior playoff, first game best of three final for the championship, Elks hammered Tigers in an upset 20-15 victory, to go one up.

Elks turned Bob Erickson loose to score nine goals in the cleanly played contest. Roy Gomez also pitched in with three goals. Art Toye was high man for the losers rapping in four goals.

Elks were never headed in this one as they had period leads of 8-5, 14-9, and split a dozen goals with the Tigers to win going away.

Next action Tuesday, March 12 for the second game in this best of three championship.

Lineups:

Cougars—Dopson 3, O'Hara 1, Alexcee 1, Wesley 1, Gruber 2, Paolinelli 5. Total 13.

Celgar—Cameron 1, Edwards 2, Wile 1, Anderson 3, Rydele 1, Nagasawa 1, Slack 1. Total 10.

Elks—Gomez 3, Rose 2, Strand 2, Schooley 2, Ogilvie 2, Erickson 9. Total 20.

Tigers—Mullins 1, Simoski 2, Paolinelli 3, Rae 3, Duplisse 2, Toye 4. Total 15.

ELSEWHERE IN SPORT

POWER SUING

TORONTO [illegible] has removed himself from the hockey scene — but not from the news.

The former National Hockey League referee who quit his job February 15, announced last night that he is suing Frank Selke, coach of Montreal Canadiens, and the Montreal Hockey Club for slander.

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INTERIOR REPRESENTATIVES

Oliver dropped Penticton Lakers 37-35 on a last second basket by Ewalt Wiener Saturday night to win the Okanagan-Mainline basketball championship.

Oliver now goes to the provincial championships in Vancouver at the end of the month.

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LISTON READY

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — The knee of heavyweight champion Sonny Liston is all right and he will be ready for his scheduled title fight with Floyd Patterson April 10 in Miami Beach Convention Hall.

This word came today from Liston's adviser Jack Nilon. He said five orthopedic surgeons had looked at Liston's knee and "all are in agreement that he will be ready for the fight".

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PLAY BALL — STARTS

Veteran Gene Woodling was fired by New York Mets and Detroit rookie pitcher Bill Faul was knocked unconscious by a batted ball Sunday. But the fun [illegible] the game of the spring exhibition schedule.

All of the league baseball clubs [illegible] into action Saturday for the first time since the end of the 1962 pennant races, last October.

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SKATING CROWNS

CORTINA, Italy (CP) — (AP) — World figure skating champions Donald McPherson of Canada and Sjoukje Dijkstra of the Netherlands both are looking forward to one more world to conquer — the 1964 Winter Olympics.

Miss Dijkstra, 21, won her second world title Sunday by [illegible] on classing a field of 24, sweeping both the compulsory school figures and the free skating divisions. She was the unanimous first-place choice of [illegible] judges.

[illegible] had announced [illegible] winning his men's title early Saturday, Miss Dijkstra said she will retain her amateur standing to compete in the Winter Olympics at Innsbruck, Austria, next January.

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CHAMPIONSHIPS START TODAY

BRANDON (CP) — The serious business of naming a Canadian curling champion started here today.

The 11 rinks representing all 10 Canadian provinces got in four rounds of warmup this morning.

One of the feature matches of the championship was set for the first draw when Manitoba champion Hersh Lerner of Winnipeg meets defending champion Ernie Richardson of Regina.

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SMOKIES WIN ONE

TAMPERE, Finland (Reuters) — Trail Smoke Eaters, Canada's representatives in the upcoming 1963 World Amateur Hockey Championships, Sunday whipped Finland 8-2 in an exhibition game.

Finland recently held the highly-favored Czech national team to a 3-3 tie.

A Finnish reporter said the Smokies seemed to "eat the whole Finnish team" in the first period as they ran up a 4-0 lead.

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CANUCKS IN FIRST PLACE

Vancouver Canucks, relegated to second place in the Western Hockey League's Northern Division in mid-January after star centre Phil Maloney dislocated a shoulder, are back on top of the division.

Canucks, who lost the leadership to Seattle Totems, pulled even with Seattle last Tuesday and finally took command of top spot Sunday with a 5-2 victory over the Totems in Seattle.

In Sunday's other encounter, Spokane Comets and the Buckaroos fought to a 2-2 overtime deadlock in Portland before 9,221 fans.

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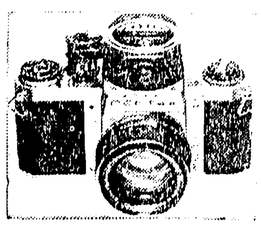
Detroit 115; St. Louis 113.
San Francisco 132; Cincinnati 125.



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