

In the WORLD of SPORT

Challengers Ready to Face Top B.C. Team

One of the greatest Prince Rupert basketball teams has ever faced will be tomorrow night and the next when they stand up to the top team in all B.C. hoops—Vancouver's Senators.

The Co-op Challengers wound up their preparation sessions, this year's all-time look fit and ready; tough, aggressive and accurate. Around the Centre there is a great deal of speculation but very little on the outcome which will decide whether or not Prince Rupert can compete in Senior championships at the end of the season.

Representatives of the minor, Co-op Challengers must be the underdogs—at least in the final whistle Saturday.

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No Menace Says Ezzy

BOSTON (AP)—Wild Bill Ezzy, hockey's renowned ruffian, today shrugged off charges that he is a menace and a detriment on the ice with a snarl that sounded like "I'll play hockey my way."

Reunited on Boston Bruins' top line with Milt Schmidt, last year's most valuable player in the National Hockey League, Ezzy seems interested only in catching any opposing player with his head down and splatting him in all directions at once.

He is dedicated particularly to a manhunt for Ted Lindsay, star left wing of Detroit Red Wings. Ever since last season, when Lindsay carved Ezzy across the face and whacked him into a stupor, Wild Willie has sought to square matters on ice.

But he'll never get the chance, according to Detroit coach Tommy Ivan.

"Why should I risk a \$75,000 player like Ted against a wild man?" Ivan says.

So Lindsay and his linemates, Sid Abel and Gordie Howe, are replaced for less scintillating players every time Boston coach Lynn Patrick throws on Ezzy.

What does Ezzy think of this state of affairs?

"I'll answer that my way," says Ezzy, a deceptively powerful fellow of 170 pounds on a 5-10 frame.

A golf pro at the Colonial Country Club, Wakefield, Mass., in the spring and summer months, Toronto-born Ezzy never seems too eager to return to hockey. In each of the last two seasons he held out for no other reason than there was still a lot of good golf weather.

Ezzy has played for two big league coaches, Happy Day in Toronto and Patrick in Boston. Day now is a trouble-shooter in the Maple Leaf organization.

"Every time I see Day," Patrick says, "he asks me: 'How's Ezzy?' And then he busts out laughing. But Ezzy isn't so funny to a lot of players who get careless when he's on against them. No, sir, he's not a bit funny."

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Old Country FOOTBALL

BOXING DAY

English League, First Div. Blackpool 2, Liverpool 0 Derby County 2, Huddersfield Town 1

Fulham 3, Manchester United 3 (tie) Manchester City 3, Chelsea 1

Middlesbrough 3, Stoke City 9 Newcastle United 2, Sunderland 2 (tie)

Portsmouth 1, Arsenal 1 (tie) Preston vs Burnley match postponed (wet grounds)

Tottenham Hotspur 2, Charlton Athletic 3 West Bromwich Albion 3, Bolton Wanderers 2

Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Aston Villa 2

Second Division Cardiff 3, Swansea Town 0 Coventry City 3, Bury 0

Everton 1, Doncaster Rovers 1 (tie) Hull City 3, Blackburn Rovers 0

Leeds United 2, Leicester City 1 Luton Town 6, West Ham United 1

Nottingham Forest 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1 Queens Park Rangers 1, Barnsley 1 (tie)

Rotherham United 1, Birmingham City 2 Sheffield United 1, Notts County 0

Southampton 2, Brentford 1

CHRISTMAS DAY English League, Div. 1 Arsenal 4, Portsmouth 1

Aston Villa 3, Wolverhampton Wanderers 3 (tie) Bolton Wanderers 3, West Bromwich Albion 2

Preston North End 2, Burnley 0 Tottenham Hotspur 3, Charlton Athletic 0

Manchester City 3, Chelsea 0 Huddersfield Town 1, Derby County 1 (tie)

Liverpool 1, Blackpool 1 (tie) Manchester United 3, Fulham 2

Newcastle United 4, Sunderland 1

Division II Barnsley 3, Queens Park Rangers 1

Birmingham City 4, Rotherham United 0 Southampton 2, Brentford 1

Coventry City 2, Bury 0 Doncaster Rovers 3, Everton 1

Leeds United 2, Leicester City 1 Notts County 3, Sheffield United 1

Sheffield Wednesday 1, Notts Forest 1 (tie) Swansea Town 1, Cardiff City 1 (tie)

West Ham United 3, Luton Town 0

Division III (Southern) Bournemouth 3, Leyton Orient 2

Bristol Rovers 4, Port Vale 1 Brighton and Hove Albion 2, Crystal Palace 1

Exeter City 4, Torquay United 0 Colchester United 2, Gillingham 1

Norwich City 2, Ipswich Town 0 Newport County 3, Shrewsbury Town 1

Plymouth Argyle 2, Bristol City 2 (tie)

Reading 5, Aldershot 1 Swindon Town 2, Millway 2 (tie)

Walsall 2, Southend United 0 Northampton Town 4, Watford 2

Division II (Northern) Bradford City 3, Halifax Town 2

Chesterfield 2, Chester 0 Accrington Stanley 5, Darlington 4

Gateshead 1, Carlisle United 1 (tie) Grimsby Town 2, Scunthorpe United 2

Hartlepool United 2, Mansfield Town 0 Oldham Athletic 1, Rochdale 1 (tie)

Soupart 4, Wokington 2 Stockport County 4, Crewe Alexandra 2

Tranmere Rovers 3, Barrow 1 Wrexham 4, Lincoln City 2

York City 1, Bradford 0

Scottish League, Div. A Dundee 3, Partick Thistle 1

Division B Dunfermline Athletic 2, Queens Park 0

Rupert Hoopsters to Race In Top Northland Tourney

Rupert's all-star hoopsters will have a chance this season at top basketball honors dished out in Juneau in February at the annual Gold Medal basketball tournament which decides the champions of the north.

This invitation has for the first time been extended to Prince Rupert and the local Basketball Association executive has decided to enter.

Competition will be with winning teams of the Skagway-Haines-Klukwan League; Juneau-Gastineau Channel; Sitka; Angoon-Kake; Petersburg; Wrangell-Ketchikan, Metlakatla and the University of Alaska.

Held at Juneau, dates of the tournament are February 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and March 1. Lots will be drawn out of a hat and each team plays one game each of the six days. This is an amateur event and professional players will be disqualified. The tournament is sponsored by the Juneau Lions Club.

Each team will be allowed 10 players. This is no guarantee of expenses, but the sponsors will pay the net proceeds to teams travelling.

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Australia Near Win

SYDNEY, Australia (CP)—Australia virtually wrapped up the Davis Cup Thursday when its great doubles team of Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor slaughtered the United States

best pair of Ted Schroeder and Tony Trabert, 6-2 9-7, 6-3.

The American debacle was a sad disappointment to a capacity crowd of 15,300 at White City Stadium. They had anticipated a hard-fought match.

The Australians now lead two matches to one in the best-of-five matches.

The final two singles matches will be played Friday.



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