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## Davidson New Hoopla Prexy Senior "A" Basketball Challenge Accepted Here Being Mooted

Basketball Facing Biggest  
Year in Prince Rupert

With probably the biggest year in Prince Rupert basketball history ahead of him, R. H. Davidson finds himself elected to head the Basketball Association here for the coming season. Annual meeting was held last night.

Prince Rupert's Golden Gloves middleweight champion, 47-year-old, 160-pound "Mouse" Morrison has been challenged to battle the pride of Prince George, Mike Ratzo, in five rounds here for the provincial title.

And he'll get that chance, says Joe Ward, trainer of the Elk's Boxing Club here. If Kitwanga fails to provide competition for Morrison for a month-end fight card, Ward will ask for Ratzo and his trainer, Nick Schmeling. If Kitwanga's Morgan will take on Morrison, however, Ward says the challenge must wait until next month.

It will be the second meeting of Morrison and Ratzo. Two years ago the pair met at a Civic Centre show here when Ratzo, according to Ward, was "lucky" to get a three-round decision.

Ratzo, 22 years of age, weighs 162 pounds at present but will get down to around 159 for the fight.

Ratzo has been going places since last he was in Prince Rupert and three weeks ago got a technical knockout from Pancha Hedgeson of Quesnel, thirty seconds after the bell opened the first round of a main event.

Then one week ago Mike won another technical in Wells over Dewey Lund of Quesnel, middleweight champion of the Cariboo in the Golden Gloves last year. The knock-out came a minute and a half after the first round opened.

Ratzo's manager Nick Schmeling, is now manager of the Civic Centre at Prince George and was formerly at Terrace in a similar capacity.

Past president for three years, Angus Macphie, stepped down, even though nominated, because, he said he would probably be coaching this year again and the dual position could be embarrassing, both to himself and the association. But he accepted the new position of business secretary.

Others elected were: Don Forward, vice-president. Jack Stirn, treasurer. Jack Marchant, recording secretary.

Sid Woodside was re-appointed as representative to the Civic Centre Association.

Mr. Forward was appointed delegate to the B.C. Amateur Basketball Association convention, to be held next week in Vancouver.

Fred Calderoni continues as registrar.

### Hockey Scores

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Whether or not Prince Rupert will go Senior "A" in basketball this year, whether there will be a four or five-team senior league and whether or not a weekly radio broadcast of league games will be innovated are some of the main problems which the Basketball Association faces this year.

These and many other points, were talked up at last night's annual meeting of the association.

New blood has been pepped into the senior league with the entry of a Columbia Cellulose Company-sponsored team. The "dark-horse" boys will be given a try-out next week to see "how they stack up" with past season proven players.

A brand new senior high school team makes up the Rainmakers this year, and they too will be given a try-out in a round-robin series with the other three entries—Manson's, Gordon & Anderson and the Elks.

President Angus Macphie suggested such a workout be scheduled to see what calibre of ball the new teams play and so determine whether or not all five teams could be admitted to the senior league.

Comparing the type of ball last year's Senior "B" team played

against Penticton, Mr. Macphie said he felt Prince Rupert was "too good for second class senior playing, and might have to go Senior A."

Such a move, however, will be decided shortly by the new executive. It would involve, Mr. Macphie said, a possible trip to Vancouver to play the Cloverleafs in the finals.

"And that would be a great thing," chimed in Don Forward. "We've been trying to play them for five years."

LONDON (CP) — Arrested for loitering, John Hayes, 22, said he was a disabled Canadian parachutist living on a pension. But police inquiry showed he lived in Stepney and had never been out of Britain in his life. He was given three months in jail.

## "Jim Thorpe" Is Screened

The life story of one of the most world popular athletes of all time has been put on the screen in "Jim Thorpe—All American," which comes to the screen of the Capitol Theatre here next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Burt Lancaster stars in the title role.

The picture involves a tender love story, a thrilling sportsman's saga, the tale of an American Indian who became one of the most widely acclaimed heroes of his day—all a real life story which packs more interest and

drama than half a dozen fictional pieces. Phyllis Thaxter plays the part of the girl for whom Jim turned from track to the glamorous sport of football, becoming the nation's No. 1 star.

The picture is also replete with drama with life holding many battles for the fleet Indian boy.

Charles Bickford plays the role of "Doc" Warner, the coach and friend of Thorpe.

FOLKESTONE, Englan (CP)— In an all-night fishing contest here G. Colley caught an 11-pound conger eel and a seven-ounce pouting. But when he weighed his catch at dawn, there was only one—an eel now weighing 11 pounds seven ounces.

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