Port Simpson Outclasses Prince Rupert In First Of Title Game

PARLOW IS PRESIDENT

Prince Rupert Tennis Club Has Annual Meeting—Acropolis Hill Court Being Rebuilt

The Prince Rupert Tennis Club held its annual meeting at the week-end and elected officers for 1932 as follows:

President, A. E. Parlow.

Vice-president, W. R. McAfee.

Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Margaret Palmer.

Executive—Mrs. S. P. McMordie, Miss Laura Frizzell, W. N. Currie, Roger Wright, Lyman Hinton and James Farquhar.

There was considerable discussion regarding the salvaging and reconstruction of the Acropolis Hill courts which were almost demolished by winter storms. Mainly due to the labor of enthusiastic volunteers, it is expected to have three courts ready for use by May 1.

SPORT CHAT

Instead of either being broken up, as some experts predicted, showing any tendency to disintegrate after three straight years at the top of the American League, as many expected, the Philadelphia Athletics now appear stronger than ever, according to word from Fort Myers, Fla., where the A's are in spring training. If anything is going to stop them from running up a record streak of four straight pennants it likely will have to be the old-fashioned law of averages. This factor, aided and better by Grimes, Hallahan and Martin, accomplished the downfall of the Athletics last October, but it had damaged neither the class nor the morale of the club. Of its seven rivals it fears only the New York Yankees.

Barring accidents, Connie Mack will stand pat on the lineup that spread-eagled the pennant field last season. The only outside prospect of a shakeup lies in the possibility of big Jimmie Foxx being shifted to third and replaced at first by Oscar Roetiger, now trying a comeback after several rides on baseball's familiar shuttle. Unless there is some mishap, however, the team will start the 1932 season with Foxx, Bishop, Williams and Dykes again composing the inner defense. The twin factors upon which the A's base their confidence in the forthcoming campaign are: First, the apparent good health and strength of all the seasoned stars, and, second, the acquisition of several of the best young players the club has since Grove, Earnshaw, Cochrane and Simmons established themselves as the "Big Four," the A's are rich in reserve power.

The training siege has revealed unusual pitching prospects in Lew Krausse, the 19-year-old Philadelphia boy, and Joe Bowman, 21-year old recruit from Portland of the Pacific Coast League. Both are right-handers. They looked good in their exhibition debut against the world champions, allowing the Cardinals only three hits in six innings. Krausse has so impressed Mack that the veteran leader figures to make this youngster a starting pitcher, to work along with Grove, Earnshaw, Walberg and Mahaffey. Merritt Cain, from Harrisburg, Pa., is another good right-handed prospect. Grove and Walberg were late in signing contracts. Grove is understood to have obtained an increase, giving him a $25,000 salary and making him the highest paid pitcher in baseball.

The "Big Three" of the pitching staff won nearly 70 games last season and Mack believes they will come close to duplicating this extraordinary achievement. If any one of them should "crack" however, the burden will fall back on the youngsters, and Macks' dream of four straight may be shattered. Outside of the pitchers, the outstanding addition is Ed Coleman, a rangy slugger from Portland, who will understudy the agile Bing Miller in right field. Coleman swings from the port side, is fairly fast and handles himself well in the field. Simmons and Mule Haas, who seems nearly recovered from a broken wrist, have no competition, of course, for other outfield berths. Simmons, after leading the league in batting for two years, not only is the powerhouse of the A's attack but regarded generally as the most dangerous batsman in baseball.

Locals, Handicapped by Number Of Conditions, End Up on Short End of 36 to 11 Score Saturday

The first game of a two-game series for the Northern British Columbia basketball championship was played in Port Simpson on Saturday when the Prince Rupert all-stars and Port Simpson Y. P. E. A. teams locked horns in a torrid forty minutes of play, at the end of which the Y. P. E. A. had taken all the shine out of the all-stars who emerged on the very short end of a 36-11 score.

The hall was packed with a motley throng which seemed to have unlimited lung power and the building reverberated and shook with the stentorian shouts of the populace who had come to see their gladiators draw first blood. Nor were they disappointed. To increase the din, an enthusiastic orchestra threw in varied selections that drowned out nearly everything. Occasionally, the frantic shrill of the referee's whistle would draw a short respite of silence when a ball would be tossed or a foul awarded. During the interval the audience would refill their bellows for bigger and better applause. It was a great night for Port Simpson and an exciting but dismal night for the all-stars and their comparatively small but lusty band of supporters. They saw their all-stars go a-glimmering, but the representative local intermediate team justified the faith placed in them and played a sterling game to win 29-22.

From the start, things looked unfavorable for the all-stars. Harold Macdonald, a forward, started at guard with Doug Stalker, who was apparently enjoying one of his rare "off" nights. Mac seemed to be entirely lost at guard, and the driving, relentless Simpson forwards shot the tottering Rupert defence full of holes. Added to this unhappy combination was the picture of Styles, jumping centre. He spent most of the time watching his check, Brentzen, jumping to the sweet tune of 23 points. And it was whispered that this same Mr. Brentzen was having an "off" night. Let's hope he doesn't decide to have an "on" night when the second game is played here on Friday. But this does not complete the picture. Dan Morrison, normally a guard, started at forward with Walter Johnson. And what the two husky Simpson guards did to the basket-grabbing aspirations of Johnson and Morrison was sad to behold.

Cross went on for Macdonald and Irvine for Stalker. This gave the team new life and the all-stars rallied. Ratchford went on for Johnson but his efforts were fruitless. Substitutions were made freely until, in the dying moments of the game, Currie finally substituted Styles. Thus, by a process of gradual elimination, the strongest combination of the Rupert players was achieved. But the game was nearly over.

Prince Rupert's Alibi

Alibis are always disagreeable; but there were undoubtedly many influences working against the Rupert players. The previous night in Prince Rupert, the Panthers and C. N. R. A. had staged a hectic game in which two-thirds of the all-stars had participated. The very fact that in the second half of that game the C. N. R. A. overcame a 13-point lead and won against Panthers, gives the boys hope that on Friday they may reverse the advantage gained by Port Simpson. The local team had a three-hour journey by water against them too. On top of this they had not played a whole season as a team, as have the Y. P. E. A. team. The floor in Port Simpson is about two-thirds the size of the local floor at the Auditorium. The walls are the side-lines in the Port Simpson building. And the local players are not accustomed to a musical accompaniment by a five-piece orchestra while they play. The Rupert team tried to dribble with the ball, as they are accustomed to do on their bigger floor. The Simpson players never dribble but play a dazzling passing game with long-range shooting. In the local Auditorium long shooting is taboo on account of the low ceiling, and dribbling and pivoting can be used to advantage.

So the outlook for next Friday's game here is not by any means dull. With a week's practice the Rupert team will be functioning perfectly; it will be rested; and it will be playing under more favorable conditions to itself. That the boys have such a heavy lead to overcome will not daunt them. Instead they will be spurred to greater efforts, and their supporters may see one of those terrifically exciting and nerve-racking games in which a reversal suddenly changes defeat into victory. These upsets are quite common in the game of basketball and it is certain that Friday night's game will be, not only a thriller, but a treat to those who love the game and good sportsmanship. For these Y. P. E. A. players are the kindest hosts, most valiant opponents and finest sportsmen that an ardent follower of the game could wish to see in action.

For the all-stars, Cross was undoubtedly the best man on the floor while Bob Irvine did much towards putting punch into the defence when it was needed. For the Y. P. E. A. team, it would be unwise to name individuals, but the scoring and checking performance of Brentzen at centre was about as neat as could be desired. Sankey also flashed well, with the rest of the team just "there" all the time.

Y.P.E.A.— Wesley (3), Alexcee (4), Sankey, Brentzen (23), Johnson (1), Knott; total, 36.

All-Stars—Johnson, Styles (5), Cross, Currie, Morrison (3), Ratchford (2), Stalker, Macdonald, Irvine (1), total, 11.

Referee, J. Lawson.

Intermediate Game

With three players chosen from each of the city Intermediate teams, the Prince Rupert Intermediates staged an exciting exhibition game with the Port Simpson team. The 29-23 score which proclaimed the Rupert players victors is an indication of the close play. For Rupert Walters, Vance, Morrison, and Nakamoto were outstanding, while Gray and Morae showed up well for Simpson. The teams:

Rupert Intermediates — Vance, Morrison (4) Walters (12), Thurber (1), F. Dingwell (2), Nakamoto (4), Unger (4), Pierce (2), E. Dingwell; total, 29.

Simpson Intermediates — Russ, (2), Morae (5), Gray (11), Lawson Tait (3), Brentzen, Bryant (2); total, 23.

Referee—A. Wesley.

Vernon Hockey Not Coming to Play Vancouver

VANCOUVER, March 14:—The Vernon team, which recently won the intermediate hockey championship of British Columbia from Prince George, will not be coming to Vancouver for a game with the Commercial League champions here as they require too great a guarantee.

TWO MOOSE FROZEN IN

Odd Incident at Francois Lake—Settlers Feeding Animals

Two moose are frozen in the ice of Francois Lake near Colleymount. It is surmised that the animals were chased on the ice by coyotes and became frozen in. Settlers are hauling hay for the animals until the next thaw makes their release possible.

EXPORTING PULPWOOD

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, supported by fourteen boards of trade and farmers' institutes of the North, has petitioned Victoria to permit the export of spruce and hemlock cordwood for pulp out of the northern district, says an editorial in the Vancouver Sun.

Under the circumstances, as outlined by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, the Government should readily accede to the request.

It is plain that there is little probability of a pulp mill being established in the North for some time. Meanwhile much of the available timber will rot unless it is used immediately.

Those in possession of this cordwood have tentative contracts with American manufacturers who offer a satisfactory price for the product.

An immediate start on logging operations for the purpose of assembling the hemlock and spruce cordwood for export, would help to relieve unemployment and would net the Provincial Government a minimum of $6,000 a month in royalties and stumpage.

As a general principle, the embargo on the export of raw materials from British Columbia for manufacture in United States is a good and essential one.

The present situation in regard to northern spruce and hemlock, however, seems to constitute an emergency sufficiently urgent to warrant an exception to the rule. Victoria should act at once.

REDUCTION UNLIKELY

VICTORIA, March 14—It is practically conceded in political circles here now that there will be no reduction made in the number of seats in the Legislature which now total forty-eight. Everybody favors a reduction in the House but there is no enthusiasm about eliminating any particular riding.

A constituency will probably be established for the Peace River by the lumping of some constituencies in other parts of the province. If anything like this is actually done, the changes considered most likely are the merging of Columbia and Revelstoke, Prince Rupert and Skeena, Nanaimo and Alberni, or Creston and Nelson.

Reduction of representation in the metropolitan areas of Vancouver and Victoria is considered unlikely although some changes may be made in the precincts of these cities.

Omineca will also remain intact it now appears.

WERMIG IS PRESIDENT

Heads Fair Association For Coming Year—Exhibition Dates Are Chosen

The 1932 Fair Board, at its initial meeting yesterday afternoon, elected officers for the year as follows:

Honorary president, T. D. Pattullo, M.L.A.

Honorary vice-president, Olof Hanson M.P.

President, F. E. Wermig.

Vice-president, Ald. P. H. Linzey.

Honorary secretary, Ald. W. J. McCutcheon.

August 23 to 26 were selected as dates for the fair with August 30 to September 2 as alternate dates.

A committee consisting of F. E. Wermig, William Stone, W. H. Sherman jr., Ald. P. H. Linzey, H. F. Glassey, G. C. Mitchell and W. D. Vance was delegated to devise ways and means of holding this year's fair. This committee will meet tonight.

Hockey Scores

SATURDAY SCORES

Boston 3, Toronto 5.

Chicago 0, Canadiens 1.

Sunday Scores

Montreal 4; Rangers 4.

N.Y. Americans 0; Detroit 1.

TRIAL FOR OFFICIA

Supreme Court of Canada Ha viso in Decision in Laure Whalen Appeal

In allowing recently the app four Dominion Fisheries of in regard to the case of the fl cannery Laurel Whalen, whic been hanging fire in the court years, the Supreme Court of C ada decided that there should trial to determine whether the ficers exceeded their duties as scribed in the Fisheries Act.

The Supreme Court of Can reversing judgments of Mr. Ju D. A. McDonald and the British lumbia Court of Appeal, de that the fisheries officers in q tion—Alex Johnson, deputy m ter of marine and fisheries; Wi A. Found, director of fisheries A. Motherwell, chief inspect fisheries for British Columbia Adam Mackie, inspector of fis les for District No. 2 at the ti were entitled to the protectio the Magistrates' Act in an a taken against them six years for the seizure in Massett Inl the floating cannery Laurel W len. The vessel was owned by Somerville Cannery Co. Ltd. firm's trustee in bankruptcy cl ing $70,915 damages.

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