# Between the Baskets

## Local Hoop Talk

Prince Rupert has for many years been known as one of the best basketball cities in the whole of the province. Our friendly rival, Ketchikan, thinks we are one of the most sports-minded cities in the north. But, after all these years of trying to prove this, and, in most cases succeeding, there are the occasional showings of very infantile behavior on the part of our sport participants. Throughout the past basketball year there have been frequent arguments over petty faults which had a tendency to belie the word "sportsmanship" which is associated with any competitive game. These brawls, while providing an interesting sidelight, have prompted many sports fans to come forth with this remark: "It would be nice to see some basketball for a change."

This sentiment fairly well sums up the feeling of all local hoop fans. When competitive sport gets past the stage of good honest rivalry—then it ceases to be interesting except for the more blood-thirsty fans.

Regardless of what may be said, hot tempers and chips on shoulders have no place on a basketball floor. It is really pitiful that some of the local cagers haven't awakened to this.

Nor should the spectators just sit back and smirk. They too are in line for a dressing down. It is common knowledge around town that a certain percentage of the fans attend the games for the sole purpose of heckling or booing some individual who has incurred their wrath. Why make it tougher for him? Give him an even break and quite possibly the fans might even get to the superior stage of enjoying the finer points of the game. Even a player has an excuse—small as it is—because he is under strain, both physically and mentally.

Well that is enough of that! Now for the brighter side.

Looking back over the past season and comparing it to Vancouver's (which is a favorite pastime of every loyal Ruperite)—it seems we have had a very successful year. The attendance at outside games has been capacity crowds. And league games have had good showings. Competition has been good, although the season started out in poor shape. But now with all that behind and the playoffs already underway, things are really booming.

In tonight's card at the Civic Centre that scrapping Watts and Nickerson squad go into battle against the Legion in a sudden death tussle. The winner will meet Gyro in the first of a three game series this Saturday.

The ladies take the floor with Hi School meeting their strongest rivals, People's Store. This is the opening match of their three game play-off series.

Later, Port Edward will be out to clinch their play - off spot with Macey's when they take on Co-op. This will be the second match in the Senior "B" three-game semi-finals. Port Edward squeezed out a three-point win on Saturday but the local lads are determined to take this second match.

The night comes to a climax as Savoy and B.C. Packers go into battle again in the Senior "A" bracket. The Packers need the win tonight if the games are to go the limit as Savoy took the opener last Saturday. But "Doc" Montgomery will be all out to cop the semi-finals in two straight, so the finals won't find his boys all burnt out. Still, the Packers will have quite a lot to say about that.

Player and fan alike can always be on the winning team if they will just remember this:

"To play the game is great,
To win the game is greater,
To love the game is greatest of all!"

## Ladies 'A' Bowling

March 25—Annettes vs. Miller Bay, Ideal Cleaners vs. Big Sisters, Toilers vs. Variety, Orange vs. Moose, Lucky Strikes vs. Savoy.

April 1—Lucky Strikes vs. Variety, Toilers vs. Miller Bay, Orange vs. Ideal Cleaners, Moose vs. Big Sisters, Annettes vs. Savoy.

## LADIES "B" BOWLS

March 27—Bankers vs. Atlin, Whirlwinds vs. Co-op, Watts & Nickerson vs. Peoples, Khatadas vs. W.P.T.B., Revenuers vs. Dockettes.

April 3—Whirlwinds vs. Revenuers, Watts & Nickerson vs. Bankers, Khatadas vs. Co-op, Peoples vs. Dockettes, Atlin vs. W.P.T.B.

American jeep drivers in some English towns have noted road sign warnings which read—"Drive Carefully: Remember, the child playing in the road may be yours."

# Puck Melon To Be Cut

**Top Teams in American Hockey League Will Divide $85,400**

NEW YORK — Should a team that finished first in the Western or Eastern Division of the American Hockey League come out on top in the play-off this season the members of that team will divide $30,550, according to an announcement by Maurice Podoloff, league president.

"We are happy to be able to announce that the players' share of the play-off receipts will be a very liberal one and the pool that will be set aside for this purpose totals $85,400," Mr. Podoloff said. "The Hershey Bears, leaders of the Eastern Division of our league, and the Cleveland Barons, leaders of the Western Division, will meet in Series "A", a best four-out-of-seven game series. The winner will receive $14,000 and the loser $12,000. In addition every player on each club will receive $150 for finishing first in this division," Mr. Podoloff stated.

"There has been a $9,000 pool set aside for the teams participating in Series "B", which brings together the second place teams—Buffalo and Springfield. The winner of this series takes $5,000 and the loser $4,000. This is a best two-out-of-three game series. A bonus of $100 goes to each player as an award for finishing second.

"New Haven and Pittsburgh, the two teams finishing in third place meet in Series "C", a two-out-of-three game series, for a pool of $6,600 with $3,600 going to the winner and the losing side receiving $3,000. Each player on these two clubs will also receive $50 for his club having finished in third place in the regular schedule," Mr. Podoloff explained.

"The semi-finals or Series "D" will match the winners of Series "B" and "C" and will be worth $5,000 to the winner and $4,000 to the loser. This will also be a best two-out-of-three series.

"The winner of Series "A" will then meet the winner of Series "D" in the finals for the Calder Cup and championship. The champions will take $14,000 of this pool with the losers receiving $10,000.

The team which finished in third place in the regular schedule can go through to win the championship and a total of $23,450 in prize money, but the team which finishes on top in the regular schedule and comes through in the play-offs stands to take $30,550," Mr. Podoloff concluded.

Fat Regimental Cook (to excessively thin British Tommy): "Looking at you, you blinking skeleton, anyone would think there had been a famine!"

Tommy: "Yes, and one look at you would tell 'em who caused it!"

# SCHEDULE OF FIVE-PIN BOWLS

March 31 — Stones vs. Fish Dock; Grotto vs. Gyro; Co-op vs. Moose; Peoples Store vs. Burns; North Star vs. Morgans; Malkins vs. Post Office.

April 7—Morgans vs. Grotto; Burns vs. Co-op; Peoples Store vs. Fish Dock; North Star vs. Malkins; Post Office vs. Gyro; Stones vs. Moose.

April 14—Co-op vs. Peoples Store; Malkins vs. Fish Dock; Burns vs. Post Office; Stones vs. Grotto; Morgans vs. Moose; Gyro vs. North Star.

April 21—Grotto vs. Burns; Stones vs. North Star; Fish Dock vs. Morgans; Moose vs. Post Office; Gyro vs. Peoples Store; Co-ope vs. Malkins.

## Standings in Ladies' "A" Bowling League

Ladies "A" League Bowling Standings

| | W | L | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Annettes | 48 | 27 | 48 |
| Savoy | 48 | 27 | 48 |
| Big Sisters | 47 | 28 | 47 |
| Variety | 47 | 28 | 47 |
| Luckies | 42 | 33 | 42 |
| Orange | 34 | 41 | 34 |
| Orange | 32 | 43 | 32 |
| Ideal Cleaners | 31 | 44 | 31 |
| Miller Bay | 24 | 51 | 24 |
| Toilers | 22 | 53 | 22 |

## Eire Plans School Of Cosmic Physics

DUBLIN, (AP)—A school of cosmic physics will be added to the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, and will undertake theoretical and experimental investigation of problems relating to the subject. Prime Minister de Valera told the Dail there was no question of the school entering any expensive work, which must be left to wealthier nations. He said he hoped to see the Institute become the foremost of its kind in the world, especially in the pursuit of Celtic studies.

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# SHORT SPORT

Rock Lad, first Canadian-owned horse to compete in the Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree, England, fell at a water jump in that 4½-mile trap-laden course and was killed nine years ago today. It was the 100 running of the race and the winner that year was Mrs. Marion Scott's Battleship, sired by Man O'War.

Toronto Maple Leafs, behind four goals on the two-game round, banged in six goals in 12 minutes to defeat Boston Bruins 8-3 in a Stanley Cup playoff classic 11 years ago. Eddie Shore, strong man of the Bruins was on the penalty bench when his team collapsed. The Leafs were beaten in the Stanley Cup finals by Detroit.

**FIRE ON DOORSTEP**

REGINA, (AP)—Regina firemen had a red letter day recently when they had a fire delivered on their doorstep. The walls and ceilings of a street car started to blaze around its overheated stove. The motorman calmly detoured off his route and stopped at the fire hall.

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