

Today in Sports

"GORGEOUS GEORGE" PAVICH SEES NEED TO SUPPORT HOME TALENT

Gentlemanly Grunt and Groan Artist to Meet Uncoth Invader at Civic Centre Saturday Night
"Gorgeous George" Pavich, who believes that community-minded people should support home town talent, is comforting himself with the assurance that he will be warmly received by the spectators at tomorrow night's wrestling card at the Civic Centre, even though he anticipates a different greeting from Los Angeles' Glenn Stone, his opponent.

Although he admits to being a bit of a cosmopolite in the past, Yugoslav-born George now has taken Prince Rupert to his heart and sees no reason why he should not expect reciprocity. After all, he has been here two months.

Besides, he has been laboring in the general interest for the last few weeks handling halibut on the fish docks and he feels that anyone who has been as closely associated with fish as he has had added a worthwhile thump to the heartbeat of the city.

His labors in the fishing industry have reduced him from a sturdy 245 pounds to a shadowy 233 but he still feels that he can wring both of the required falls out of Stone who weighs 225.

George shudders politely at the uncoth mannerisms of Stone whom he described this morning as being "rough," a characteristic entirely foreign to the Pavich makeup. There was a time when George was a bit "rough" too but he says he has mellowed lately.

"I used to be that way myself but now I have become a gentleman," he said.

But his refinement will not affect the quality of the bout, which is billed for six 10-minute rounds or two-out-of-three falls. The fact that Stone has been cutting a swathe down California way means little to George.

Tomorrow night's bout will actually be the springboard to monumental events in the wrestling industry here. The winner will be billed to meet one Jack Sherry, a 235-pounder who calls himself the heavyweight champion of Europe, on June 18.

These bouts will initiate a summer season which may see such classic grunners as All Baba and the great Jim Londos come this way. At least, that is what is planned. Incidentally, Londos, when at the height of his

OLD TIMERS GAME SUNDAY

Sunday has been set for the official opening of the Prince Rupert baseball season with the traditional match between the Rookies and Old Timers. Originally set for the evening of May 24, the game was washed out by rain, although an experimental and entirely unofficial five innings played among the rain drops revealed that the youngsters this year have lined up an array of power which may be bad for the old-timers.

Billiard Match Moved Ahead
Dave Owens and Billigan, who this week are the top of the old timers in the current Canadian billiard tournament, Campbell and Stimund, young vets tonight in Saturday night. The match 24 hours they could attend night's wrestling card.

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Sport Shots

This evening will see the official opening of the 1949 football season at Roosevelt Park when the first game of the league for the new North Star Trophy will be played between two old and bitter opponents—Canadian Legion and 120th Battery. Last season the Battery made a clean sweep of all four competitions in which they played but the opposition may prove somewhat stronger

this season.

The Legion eleven has been strengthened by the surprise transfer of Stan Cornwell from the Battery and tonight's game will provide quite a battle between the two former club-mates Cornwell and Nick Pavlikis. It remains to be seen whether Nicky can score as many goals with Stan opposing him as he did when he was behind him.

The Battery team has not yet been announced but, with all the old stalwarts on hand, such as Dunbar, Ward, Ferguson, James and Morgan, Captain Gomez will be sure to field a team that will endeavour to be

the first to have its name inscribed on the new North Star Trophy. Manager Alex Haig has signed a very strong list of players for this season and, in addition to old timers such as Greer, Eby, Yelland and Armstrong, he has come up with a couple of dark horses in the persons of Paul Prie and Baxter.

It is rumored that Baxter just arrived here about six weeks ago from the land of Bannocks and knows a thing or so about the game. Price learned his football in the south and is a big burly centre and will be very hard to check. But no matter how many players Alex can put on the field, Matt Peterson's boys will be in till the final whistle.

The second game will be played on Monday evening when General Motors will meet the Canadian Legion. This also should provide a thriller as the old High School Club playing under new sponsorship will have all last year's payers on hand with some new faces.

Teams are being reminded that games will start on time and that the home team is responsible for marking the ground. The Legion will wear their blue uniforms and the Battery will be clad in yellow, same as last season.

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- May 27—Canadian Legion vs. Heavy Battery.
- May 30—General Motors vs. Canadian Legion.
- June 3—Heavy Battery vs. General Motors.
- June 6—Canadian Legion vs. Heavy Battery.
- June 10—General Motors vs. Canadian Legion.
- June 13—Heavy Battery vs. General Motors.
- June 20—Canadian Legion vs. Heavy Battery.
- June 24—General Motors vs. Canadian Legion.
- June 27—Heavy Battery vs. General Motors.
- July 4—Heavy Battery vs. Canadian Legion.
- July 8—General Motors vs. Canadian Legion.
- July 11—Heavy Battery vs. General Motors.
- July 15—Canadian Legion vs. Heavy Battery.
- July 18—Canadian Legion vs. General Motors.
- July 22—Heavy Battery vs. General Motors.

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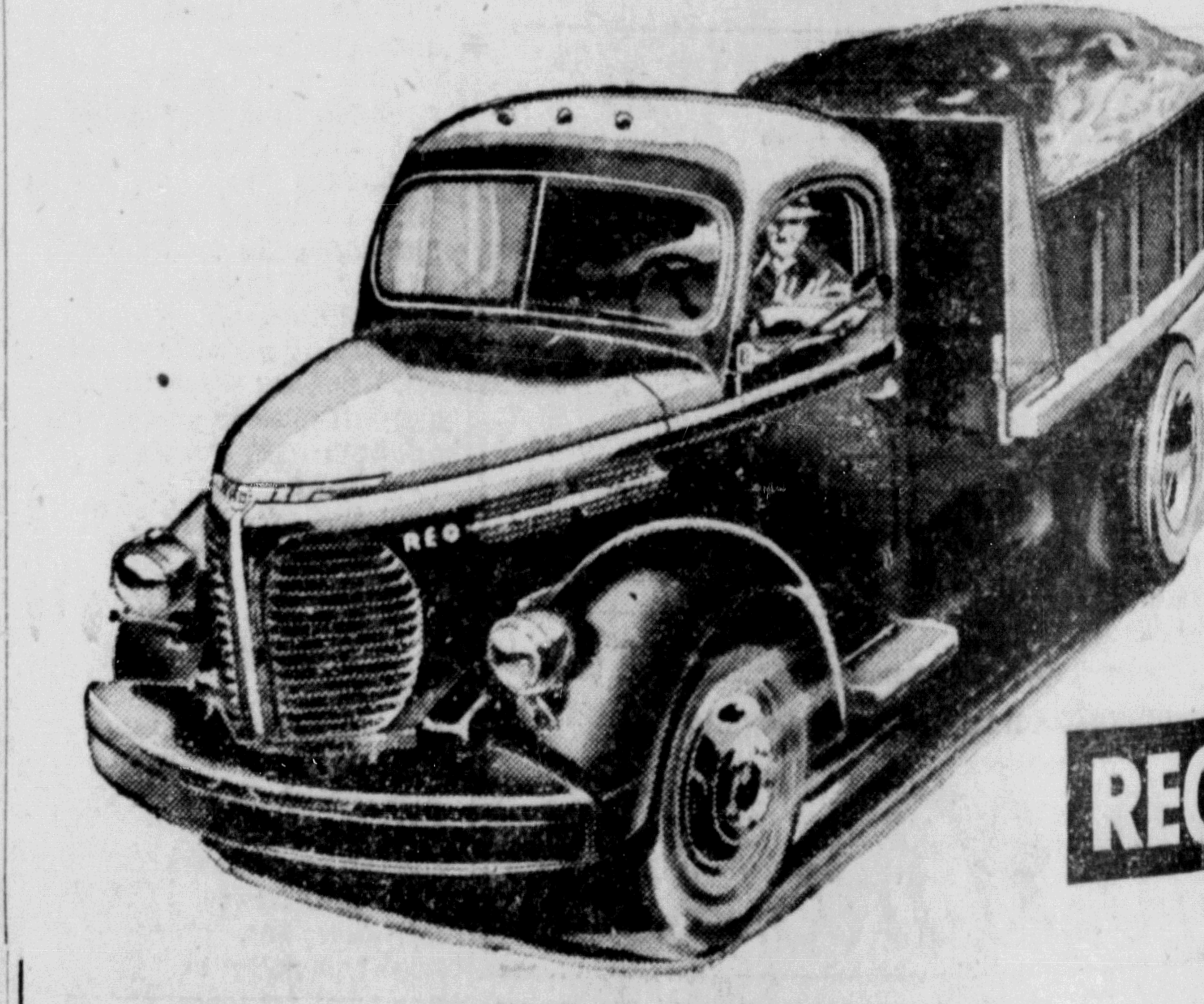
CANADIAN CHAMP WINNER AT N.Y. DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS — Champion Robin of the Rouge, Canadian champion bull mastiff, won best of breed and best of winners in the Westminster Kennel club show at Madison Square Garden in New York. The dog is posed with owner, J. H. Daniell-Jenkins of Pickering. The 73rd renewal of the competition for dogdom's national championships drew 2,562 entries from Canada and the U.S.

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