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TODAY IN SPORT

"MENACE OF NORTH," GEO. PAVICH TO TAKE BILLING WRESTLING CARD

"Menace of the North" he has been dubbed and, as such, he will be seen glowering at some southern opponent in a wrestling ring here probably on March 21. He is George Pavich, a king-sized, quiet-voiced veteran of more bouts than he can remember in over 20 years in the boxing and wrestling rings of two continents.

Currently, George, who sports a formidable black moustache is a challenger for the somewhat confused title of heavyweight wrestling championship of the British Empire, which is in dispute between himself, Al Mills and Earl McCready.

Mr. Pavich moved his 245 pounds into Prince Rupert the other day to visit his cousin, Tom Pesut, proprietor of the Ocean View Hotel and, following a view of the local cauliflower grove, he decided that the vegetables are ripe. He plans to stay, for a while at least.

"I see a good opportunity for boxing and wrestling up here. It hasn't been developed either here or at Prince George. I think the field is ready for some good cards," he said.

He plans to include himself in any fracas that come along—professionally, that is.

George met Graham Alexander, president of the Canadian Legion Boxing Club, Jim Nicoli, club secretary, and Don Forward, managing secretary of the Civic Centre, yesterday morning and mulled over plans for a card next month. Opponents, he declared, will not be hard to get. They finally settled, tentatively, on a Victoria specimen who has been cutting a swath on Vancouver Island. He is Chief Thunderbird, a full-blooded Indian who burdens the scales at 230 and whose record is as good as that of anyone currently practising the art of public mayhem on the lower coast.

Date for the forthcoming card has been set, also tentatively, for March 21, a Monday, which will give the gruntes an opportunity to whip up to Ketchikan on the following Wednesday to mix it before an Alaskan crowd, thereby cutting down local expenses.

A fight is a fight to George. It doesn't make a great deal of difference whether he boxes or wrestles, although lately he has been doing the latter.

"Wrestling is actually better, because it develops your whole body, while if a man keeps boxing after 35 or so, he is liable to get punchy," George opined. "Old boxers start slipping and they don't know it."

George definitely is not slipping. At 38 he looks notably fit. He has to keep in top form, considering the competition.

A bit of a cosmopolitan, George has fought in central Europe—he is a Hungarian—and all over North America. His opponents have been the best in the field and he has acquitted himself well.

FOUGHT GALENTI

Londos, Steinko, McReady, Savoldi, Mills, he has met them all with varying results since the early 1930's. In 1942 he boxed Two-Ton Tony Galento in Des Moines, Iowa, losing the decision to the fat man after breaking a knuckle in the fight. The largest crowd of corn-fed sports enthusiasts in the history of Des Moines witnessed the event.

He also boxed the dean of Canadian fighters, Charles Boulanger, several times in the late 30's.

"But," he said, "I prefer wrestling."

Last summer he was headliner in wrestling in Calgary for 11 weeks. Calgary, to those who know it, is undoubtedly the most wrestling-conscious city in the west and every fan is a self-admitted connoisseur. Edmonton also knows George's talents.

He headed south last night on the Prince Rupert on a brief trip and plans to complete negotiations for a worthy opponent at next month's local bout.

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The Prince Rupert Rotary Club male chorus will put on a benefit concert in aid of the Red Cross fund-raising drive, probably late in March, it was decided at the club's weekly luncheon meeting at the Broadway Cafe Thursday afternoon.

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Local High School Scores Big Victory Over Best From South

New Westminster Dukes On Short End of Thrilling 33-31 Hoop Contest

The Duke of Connaught basketball team suffered their first defeat at the hands of provincial competition last night as Prince Rupert's Bo-Me-Hi Rainmakers turned the tables and sent them down to a thrilling 33 to 31 defeat. The win gave the locals a split of the two games but point total put them ahead by one point 63 to 62. A cheering sell-out crowd saw the game.

The bright star of the night was Bill (Monk) Sunberg who scored the winning points and topped his team in scoring for the night. He played the game of his life. At the final whistle, a cheering crowd of fans lifted Bill on their shoulders and carried him out of the hall in triumph.

The half-time ceremonies were well taken care of by the Cheer Squad who duplicated their drilling of the previous night.

The game was of pattern similar to the first with only the score reversed. Neither team had an edge although the locals had a fighting spirit to win. Many home-town fans thought the Rainmakers were playing below their average game.

The opening score went to the Dukes with their Captain Danny Zaharko counting from the side. Art Olson came right back for the Rainmakers with a lay-up to tie. The score saw-sawed, as it did all the game, with the Dukes getting the edge 12 to 10 at quarter-time.

The Dukes played their zone defence and the Rainmakers sat outside of it and shot long ones. The Bo-Me-Hi squad played a straight man-to-man defence and was successful in holding the fast-moving Dukes.

The Dukes broke out in a scoring spree at the start of the second quarter and set themselves up a 7-point lead, the highest of the night and

handedly to take his team to victory but his teammates just could not match his pace. Twice he put his team ahead and twice Bo-Me-Hi tied it up. With the scoring tied at 30-all and time running short Sunberg grabbed off a rebound and returning it up and into the basket to put his team ahead and send the cheering crowd wild. With the Dukes working hard to get a basket, they did creep one point closer as Zaharko scored with a free throw. Then, with 11 seconds left, a technical foul was called against the Dukes for one of their players disagreeing with the umpire's decision. Up steps Sunberg to the free throw line and calmly drops it in. In the last seconds the Rainmakers kept control of the ball and with the final whistle walked off the floor as victors over the top team of the south.

The bucket man for the Dukes, Bob Flynn was near scoreless from the field and scored only 3 free throws as he was checked and watched closely by Olson. Sinclair was their top scorer with 9 points. Their teamwork

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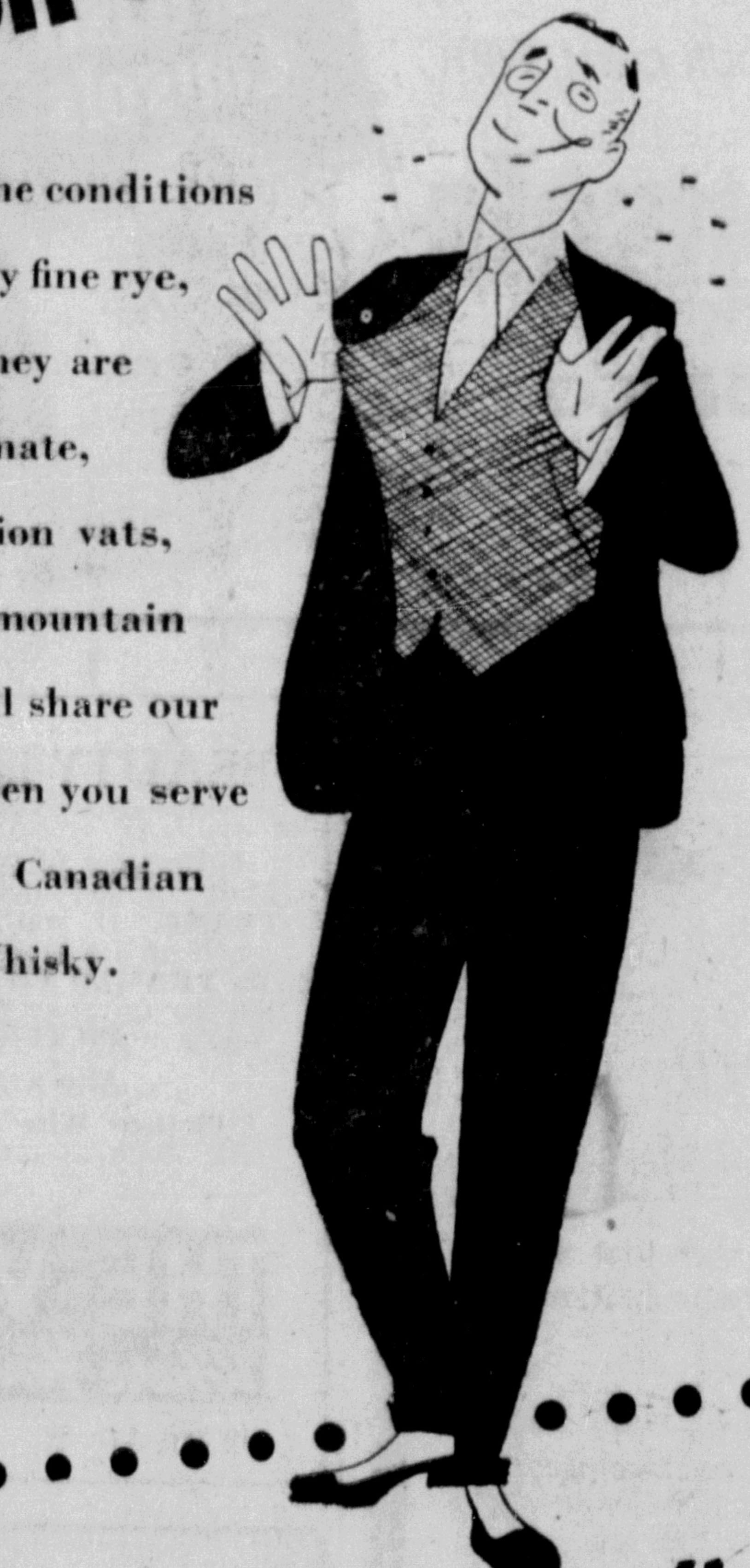
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