



## IN THIS CORNER

DICK AYRES

Prince Rupert Co-Op Challengers will have to really shoot the works tonight if they want to salvage one game out of the four-game home-and-home series with Ketchikan Rockets. Coached by Don Hartwig, the newly-chosen All-Stars are doing only slightly better on their home floor than the pickup squad that Bill McChesney took up north earlier this month. Up on the Kayhi gym floor the McChesney-piloted team dropped two decisions 65-45 and 65-42. Here at home last night on a floor most of the boys have been playing for half a dozen years, they were trailing 62-54 when the final buzzer sounded. Not quite as great a gap in the score but the result is the same.

With all due respect to Don's knowledge of basketball, we diffidently suggest that Ari Olsen be dropped from the first string to be replaced by Jimmy Flaten, not necessarily in the same position. Olsen's hook shot, when on, is most effective when Art is in the clear. The Rockets don't often let men get in the clear. Flaten on the other hand, though smaller, is a rugged individual to whom crowded areas mean nothing, and he has a good shot from fairly well out. Last night in the second quarter he robbed Ketchikan players of the ball on about five occasions and in the floor time he was allotted, collected 7 points, six from field goals. He was fourth highest man of the eight Challengers who managed to hit the basket and Olsen, Mickey Webster and Pop Pay only found it once.

Ray Spring of the Challengers and one of Manson's Omegas' top point-collectors is considered a pretty fast lad on the floor, but he was no match last night for Bill Martinsen of the Ketchikan squad. Martinsen, former Baylor University track and field star and United States Olympic sprinter, has covered the 100-yard dash in 9.4 seconds.

Pop Pay, whose stature impresses the most blasé, earned the respect of the Rockets last night. "He isn't so fast," one Rocket player said, "but he's always there under that basket." Pop, who is still in the agonizing process of getting back into shape, got into the clear several times last night and made a couple of nice hook shots but his shooting eye still needs rejuvenation.

The Rockets had a small but enthusiastic cheering section present last night in the form of crew members from the U.S. Coast Guard vessel Hemlock. Among them were Chief Bosum Eugene F. Fox, Seaman Ben Nickerson, Stewart Matt Ylanan, Seaman Tom Exler, Fireman DC Don Duncan and Corpsman Jim Robbins. Three members of the Rockets are also Coast Guard lads. Harold Leibowitz and J. J. Mackey are at the Coast Guard station at Ketchikan and Paul Ellis is aboard the Ketchikan-based Kimball, U.S. Coast Guard vessel that went to England for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

**POST SCRIPTS**—Congrats are due Don Scherk who played under quite a handicap last night and still racked up 10 points. The nose guard he wore seemed to affect his dribbling but didn't bother him when shooting. Aiding Rockets coach Ralph Peters is the team's official scorekeeper Bill Weiss. Rupe Holkestad sank a dream shot from "way back" last night but the buzzer had already sounded. Preliminary game set for tonight is between Inter B teams Sunrise and Nelson Brothers. It will be a league game and starts at 7:30.

For you folks who didn't get to the basketball game last night, we'll see you there tonight when the Challengers try to win the final game. . . and we also hope to see you at the hockey game Sunday afternoon when Smithers play the Prince Rupert All-Stars in aid of the Kinsmen Club polo fund.

## Fifty-Seven Horses Already Named For Grand National Steeplechase

LONDON (CP)—As gale winds and snow hit Britain in a January cold snap, sport pages brought the first signs of spring—the entries for the Grand National Steeplechase.

Fifty-seven horses, a smaller number than in recent years, are named to contest the world's most famous jumping race. Of these, at least 15 will probably be scratched before the field goes to the starting post March 27.

The field includes 10 challengers from Ireland, five of them trained by Vincent O'Brien, and an interesting new entry in Queen Mother Elizabeth's MAs-

Tu-Vu. Miss Dorothy Paget has four nominations headed by Mont Tremblant and Legal Joy, runners-up in the last two Grand Nationals.

The Irish entry is a strong one. Apart from Knock Hard, the list includes last year's winner Early Mist, and Royal Tan, second in 1951.

**GRUELLING TEST**  
The small entry list this year is blamed partly on a shortage of high-class steeplechasers. Some say it reflects a growing realization that the national is a "cruel" race. The horses have to travel some 4½ miles, negotiating 30 fences.

The odds against any horse finishing are something like 3 to 1, though few can find a bookmaker charitable enough to lay such a bet. The greatest year for spills was 1928, when only two of 42 finished. That was the time Billy Barton was run out of it by the 100-1 shot, Tipperary Tim.

The national was first run in the 1830s. Now it is one of the big days of the year at Aintree, drawing more than 100,000 spectators annually.

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## Drive in Third Quarter Gives Rockets Easy Win

Paced by veteran cager Herman Ludwigen who chalked up 25 points, Ketchikan Rockets staged a third quarter drive last night to defeat Prince Rupert Co-Op Challengers 69-54 in the first fixture of a two-game exhibition series at the Civic Centre.

Used to the small Kayhi gym floor at Ketchikan the Rockets found the Civic Centre larger space no handicap. Led by playing-coach Bill Martinsen the Rockets played smooth ball, passing well and seldom at a loss.

## Curlers Start New Tourney Next Week

Members of the Prince Rupert Curling Club will start a points competition next week, on an "every man for himself" basis.

The points competition, something new in Rupert curling history, will see every curler trying for points, starting Tuesday night.

Monday night the curlers will draw new links for regular league play, with the thirds doing the honors. The present links were chosen by skips by lot, but Monday night at 8 o'clock, all present thirds will meet to draw the new links.

Draws for the points competition are as follows:

### TUESDAY

7 p.m.—Roy Brown, Harold Kellogg, Bert Field, Wamie Petersen, Terry McNeice, Ken Warren, Larry Sieber, Gerry Lemire, Bill Baxter.  
9 p.m.—Pete Bell, Stu Shelley, Fred Aston, Bob Anderson, Hector McKinnon, Bill Meighen, J. R. Johnson, Herb Waldbauer, Jack Laurie.

### WEDNESDAY

7 p.m.—Earl Gordon, Jim Notman, Mel Matthews, Hector McDonald, George Dibe, Angus McDonald, Sam Simpson, Bob Bone, John Wakley.  
9 p.m.—Ted Thomas, Pete Bird, Bill Anderson, Lindsay Eby, Bob Rudderham, Dave McPhee, Bill Smith, Bill MacKenzie, Don Ritchie.

In regular play for the George Cook trophy, results were as follows:

Wednesday—Meighen 12, Sieber 2, Rudderham 4, Parker 7, Rowbotham 15, Petersen 5, Stewart 11, Holliston 8, Bird 13, Matthew 7.  
Thursday—Green 11, Johnston 9, Moore 7, Turner 6, MacKenzie 10, Ford 7, Robertson 10, Eyoifson 6, Garner 10, Butterick 6, Johnston 11, Shier 4.

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Ray Spring for the Challengers opened the scoring and the lead changed hands several times before the Rockets took the first quarter 13-12. Spring who notched 10 of the local squad's first quarter points was kept bottled up by the Rockets for most of the remainder of the game.

Lon Scherk, wearing a mask to protect his broken nose, gave the Challengers back the lead at the 8:00 minute mark of the second quarter and brother Sid made it 18-13 for the Challengers at the 6:22 mark. Towards the end of the second stanza Martinsen got on the beam, tied up the game and put the Rockets ahead with two quick baskets. The half came with the Ketchikan crew leading 30-27.

Ludwigen netted 10 points in the third quarter as the Rockets drove hard, took the period 23-7, to lead 53-34.

### RALLY EAILS

A Challenger rally in the final quarter when the Rockets were outscored 20-15, came to naught. The Ketchikan crew checked hard and had too much of a lead for the Prince Rupert squad to whittle down.

Deadly marksman on the foul line was Rockets' Harold Leibowitz who sank 10 out of 12 free shots and scored two field goals besides.

Top point getters for the Challengers were Sid Scherk and Ray Spring who netted 13 points apiece.

The Rockets were nicked for 11 fouls by referees Fred Calderne and Ole Slatta while the Challengers were penalized 19 times. The Americans sank 18 free shots out of 30 and the Prince Rupert team made 10 free shots out of 19 tries.

Second game of the series will be played at 8:30 tonight.

In a preliminary Girls' League game Dom's defeated Bo-Me-III Rainbirds 38-10 with Leona Webster scoring 17 points for the winners.

**PRINCE RUPERT CHALLENGERS**—R. Holkestad 5, A. Olsen 2, M. Webster 2, S. Scherk 13, D. Scherk 10, R. Spring 13, R. Webber, J. Davis, J. Flaten 7, R. Pay 2, Total 54.

**KETCHIKAN ROCKETS**—H. Ludwigen 25, H. Johnson 6, W. Martinsen 12, J. Brewer, H. Leibowitz 14, P. Ellis, J. Christopher, C. Manzoni, J. Mackey 9, L. Erickson 2, Total 68.

## Florence Chadwick Decides To Try Swim to Port Angeles

VICTORIA (CP)—Florence Chadwick has decided she will try to swim the almost 20-mile stretch of chilly Strait of Juan de Fuca water between here and Port Angeles, Wash.

Miss Chadwick travelled over part of the course in a tug Friday then phoned her chief organizer Marion Wilcox in San Pedro, Calif., to tell him her decision.

"I've looked over the course and in my opinion the currents can be figured out so we can get through all right," she said.

"It's going to be a question of how much cold water I can take."

"I'm anxious to try it and I think I can make it." The British America Paint Company has offered Miss Chadwick \$7,500 to attempt the swim and another \$2,500 if she makes it.

The attempt will be made in late July or sometime in August. Actual date will be determined after careful study of tide and

current conditions.

Miss Chadwick said the swim will be the most difficult and the coldest of her long career of distance swims.

She will come here about the end of June to begin rigorous on the spot training.

## Ivy Stewart Double Winner In Ladies' Loop

Ivy Stewart of 75 Taxi in B Division of the Ladies' Five Pin Bowling League took double honors Tuesday when she rolled a high single of 340 and a high three of 651. Team honors were split between 75 Taxi who took high single with 1010 and Manson's who captured high three with 2632.

In A Division high single for the night was won by Mickey Cross of Annettes who rolled 268. Bessie Davis of Gordon & Anderson with 657 took high three. Team high single and high three were won by G & A with scores of 971 and 2810.

**Results:**

**A Division**  
G & A 4, Dom's 0, Sunrise 4, Annettes 0, Cloverleafs 4, Art Murray's 0, Bulger's 1, Rupert Radio 0, Lyons 3, New Laurels 1, Stars 3, Dibs's 1.

**B Division**  
75 Taxi 4, McKay's 0, Manson's 4, Seventh Ave. Meat 0, PR Plumbers 3, Skena 1, Co-op 3, Cook's 1, Wallace R 3, Trollers 1, HI-Flyers 3, Big Sisters 1.

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