

Game Commission to Start War On Wolves in Prince Rupert Area

A war on wolves in the Prince Rupert area, which includes the lower Skeena Valley and Kitimat, will be waged next winter by the B.C. Game Commission, G. A. West, supervisor of predatory animal control, said last night.

Speaking at the monthly meeting of the Rupert Rod & Gun Club, Mr. West said he believed a number of wolves in this area were destroying fur-bearing animals. In the Kitimat area, he said the wolves are likely feeding on a

small moose population in the Kitimat Valley. Just returned from an inspection trip there, he said a pack of seven wolves had been seen near the banks of the river by a group of campers. He said the valley was inhabited by a few moose but little other game.

Mr. West explained methods of poisoning predators, most popular being the spreading of bait by plane. The department's main problem was its war on wolves and coyotes in the Cariboo district where predators caused much damage to ranchers' stock.

He said the department was not interested in killing predators in areas where they played a natural part in keeping population of moose and deer from "blossoming."

MOOSE STARVED

"Moose can get so plentiful that they eat themselves out of existence if they are not harvested regularly," he explained, citing the Cariboo district as an example where hundreds of moose starved because of lack of range feed.

As soon as the moose died, the coyotes and wolves were on the increase and turning to domestic stock, he said.

Mr. West answered many questions from the membership concerning various problems on game. He said he favored an open season on cow moose where necessary. He considered it unlikely that a deer population would return to the Prince Rupert area until a good portion of the tall timber now standing was logged off. He blamed the present scarcity on lack of food, crowded out by tall trees.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The meeting adopted a membership drive, open to individual members. A prize will be given to the person getting the most new members by the next meeting, May 5.

Election of a delegate to the B.C. Fish & Game Council was left until the next meeting. All committee heads reported progress on their projects.

Game Warden Jack Wilson of Terrace described briefly opportunities made available by the Terrace Rod & Gun Club for 22 shooting by juniors, and told of the skill of some 10-year-olds. He urged the Prince Rupert club to develop a similar interest here for competition with Terrace.

President Jim Bacon reported on a big development program by the Kitimat Rod & Gun Club, which now is launching a construction bee for a new club house and shooting ranges. Other guests present included Bob Wilson of the Terrace Club and Prince Rupert Game Warden Ed Martin.

Bill Wood, chairman of the trap-shooting committee, awarded trophies to winning teams of the recent crowd shoot.

Several outdoor films were shown following the meeting.

Wheelchair Cage Team May go to U.K.

MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal's Wheelchair Wonders, a group of paraplegic veterans who formed their own basketball team, have been invited to participate in the "Olympic games for the disabled" in Britain July 25.

The veterans, who formed their team just one year ago and have taken on all comers providing their opponents also use wheelchairs, have been asked to meet other starring paraplegic teams in the "Olympics" at Stoke Mandeville rehabilitation hospital, Aylesbury, England.

They are coached by "Niggy" Rabin, well-known in district cage ranks here, who has been instrumental in their becoming one of the best-rated paraplegic teams on the continent.

Tom Sommerville, their captain, said the trip is a dream all the boys hope will come true, but the Wonders have first to raise \$5,000 to pay the expenses of the trip.

Noted for its sturgeon, the Nottaway river flows 200 miles into the southeast end of James Bay.

Mazur Leads Canadiens To 4-1 Win

MONTREAL (CP)—Eddie (Spider) Mazur, big 23-year-old rookie with beak nose, shot Montreal Canadiens into the Stanley Cup final Tuesday night with a pair of goals that carried Canadiens to a 4-1 victory over Chicago Black Hawks.

Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffron and Maurice (Rocket) Richard supplied the other goals that squeaked Hawks in the seventh and deciding game semi-final.

The finals will open here April 9, National Hockey League officials announced this morning.

The first two games of the best-of-seven final will be in Montreal April 9 and 11 and the next two in Boston, April 12 and 14. As necessary to complete the series, dates are April 15 at Montreal, April 18 at Boston and April 21 at Montreal.

Terrace Enters Team in City Baseball Loop

The 1953 baseball season in Prince Rupert is scheduled for an early start with first training practice scheduled for Sunday, the annual general meeting of the Prince Rupert and District Amateur Baseball Association decided.

Opening league game is scheduled here for May 10.

Plans for the season feature a four-team league which will include Terrace. Details were arranged at the meeting between local club representatives and Neil McKerricher, Terrace delegate.

Plans call for three Sunday double-headers at Terrace to one in Prince Rupert throughout the schedule. Prince Rupert teams not scheduled to play at Terrace will play here.

The league will include the following local clubs: Commercials, Gordon & Anderson and Esquires (formerly Abel & Odowes).

Constitution of the association will be revised completely, delegates decided, and will embrace district as well as city amateur ball.

Eddie Gladding was elected commissioner and Alex Bill, secretary-treasurer. The executive is made up of each club-owner and one club representative.

The meeting backed a park board proposal to develop Algonia Park as a ball site and outdoor recreation ground.

Team managers are Rusty Ford, for G-As; Miner Simundson, Commercials, and Alex Bill, Esquires.

Baseball Scores

PCL—Oakland 9, Hollywood 10; Seattle 6, San Diego 0; Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 3; Portland at Sacramento, postponed.

KAMLOOPS CAGE TEAM TO ARRIVE HERE TODAY

Kamloops Merchants were scheduled to arrive in the city today with an eight-player lineup and coach Art Barton, former UBC Thunderbird star, to meet Prince Rupert Thursday in the first of two games to decide the provincial senior B basketball championships.

Barton is no stranger here and has vowed to avenge his team's defeat four years ago by Rupert for similar stakes.

In the 1949 playoffs here, locals downed the Merchants 52-32 in the first game but lost the second one 41-32 to win the series 84-79.

Kamloops gained the finals by downing Cloverdale in a two-game Easter week-end series. Senior B basketball competition does not go beyond provincial boundaries, but the championship is emblematic of the second-best ball club in the province.

The Kamloops lineup—Bennett Camp, John Buchanan, Gordon Farouaharson, Stephen Foulger, Fred and Len Fowles, Donald and William Marriott.

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BEAUTIFUL VIRGINIA MAYO heads the stellar cast of "She's Back on Broadway." Warner Bros. new WarnerColor musical film which opens tomorrow at the Capitol Theatre. Gene Nelson, Frank Lovejoy, Steve Cochran and Patrice Wymore have other important roles.

'Dom' Dominato Lands Giant Steelhead in Copper River

The happiest visiting sportsmen from Prince Rupert at Terrace last week-end likely were A. J. Dominato and Tommy Boulter who battled a 19½-pound steelhead for an hour in the Copper River.

But Dominato, who hooked the giant sea-going rainbow trout said a few words to himself when informed here that the fish would have been eligible in the Rupert Rod & Gun Club steelhead derby which got underway last Friday.

Copper River is included in the fishing area for the local derby.

The near-record steelhead was taken in a pool about 75 feet above the Copper River bridge, said Dominato, who used cluster roe for bait, 10-pound test line and an eight-pound leader weighted with 1½-ounce lead sinker.

Besides the big fish, Dominato and Boulter also took another two smaller steelhead and 14 Dolly Varden trout. "Fishing was never better," both reported.

But this event was only part of the entertainment provided to the Prince Rupert visitors when the Terrace Rod & Gun Club turned hosts to a gala three-day affair.

The affair began Saturday night with a social function buffet dinner and dance.

On Sunday, three Rupert trap-shooting teams took a trouncing from their hosts with the top teams scoring 91-82 for Terrace. Bill Wood of Rupert with 20 and Cecil Blakeburn of Terrace with

Group May Buy St. Louis Browns

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A group of business men are making plans for a possible purchase of St. Louis Browns to assure that the club remains in St. Louis.

J. Herndon Kirkland, head of a travel agency was named chairman of the group and Willis E. Johnson, travelling secretary of the Browns for nearly 25 years, was named secretary.

Kirkland said neither president Bill Veeck, nor any other official of the Browns has been approached by the group.

EXPORT
CANADA'S FINEST CIGARETTE

Stage Set for 1953 Opening Monday Of Major League Baseball Season

By BEN PHILGAR Associated Press Sports Writer

A man in blue will follow "play ball" in Cincinnati and Washington next Monday and the 1953 major league season will begin.

The first man to bat in the first inning of the first game will make a little bigger mark in baseball history than usual. If present schedules are carried out, that man will be Bill Branton of Milwaukee Braves. Branton, a rookie outfielder, will be the first player to bat for Milwaukee in a major league game since 1901.

The Braves, moved from Boston to Milwaukee during the training season, will be guests of Cincinnati Reds for the single opening game on the National League schedule. In the American League, the defending world champion New York Yankees visit Washington where vice-president Richard Nixon will toss out the first ball.

All 16 clubs are due for action the following day. In the American League it will be Philadelphia at New York, Washington at Boston, Chicago at Cleveland and Detroit at St. Louis for a night game. In the National League, St. Louis will be at Milwaukee, Cincinnati at Chicago, Pittsburgh at Brooklyn and New York at Philadelphia.

Washington suffered a serious setback Sunday when Gil Coan broke his right ankle trying for a circus catch in an exhibition game against Cincinnati at Charlotte, N.C.

St. Louis Browns lost one of their best players Sunday when catcher Clint Courtney went after a foul ball and broke the middle finger of his throwing hand. Hank Sauer of Chicago Cubs, the most valuable player in the National League last year, also is out with a broken finger.

The Yankees were beaten 4-3 Sunday evening, a spaghetti and spare-rib dinner was provided for the visitors. Rupert club president Jim Bacon thanked Terrace Club president Bill Mathews and the Terrace members for their hospitality. Rupert visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thom, Mr. and Mrs. Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Dominato, Frank Barlette, Tommy Boulter, Elmer and John Clausen, C. Gulseth, B. Sweet, H. Schmidt, Hans Husvik, Ray Montgomery, Sandy Hamilton, Otto and Emil Quast.

Sunday by Atlanta of the Southern Association.

Two home runs by Dee Fondy helped the Cubs edge the Browns 9-8 at San Antonio, Tex. Cincinnati beat the Senators 6-2 at Charlotte with Clarence Podbielan going the route for the Reds. Second baseman Davey Williams singled five straight times for New York Giants, who whipped Cleveland for the third day in a row, this time in Austin, Tex.

Alberta Evens Cage Series

VANCOUVER (CP)—University of Alberta Golden Bears edged Vancouver Clover Leafs 73-70 Tuesday to tie the best-of-five Western Canada senior men's basketball championship series at one win each.

Leafs were left with only five players at the end of a rough game as three men fouled out. Bears had only eight men, and the rules allow the home team only the same number as the visitors.

Whirlaway Dies in Normandy

PARIS (AP)—Whirlaway, bush-tailed Calumet flier who won a triple crown in United States horse racing in 1941 and set a Kentucky Derby record which still stands, died Tuesday at Marcel Boussac's stud farm in southern Normandy. The great thoroughbred was 15 years old.

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