



In This Corner

By DICK AYRES

Nothing like looking over old press clippings and discovering items of interest about folks you meet which you hadn't hitherto suspected. Talking to Albert Mah yesterday afternoon and found that we both belonged to the Pro-Rec about the same time. In fact we were both instructing in boxing about the same time. Albert in Prince Rupert and your columnist in Rossland. Albert, apparently had things really going at the old building at the corner of Fulton Street and Second Avenue and around 1938 inaugurated the Bo-Me-Hi Boxing club which produced some mighty interesting fight cards.

A few of the local lads who were mentioned in the fight stories of those days were Don McCouper, Ted Arney, Jack Eby, Stan Scherk, Kosta Killas, Alex Bill, Bob Capstick, Elmor Han-kinson, Bill Bond, Casey Hishio, Bill Long, Jack Wearmouth and Albert himself. One account described a "rugged and fast bout between Don McCouper and Bill Long" in which it stated that the latter "started fast but tired in the third." We queried Bill about this last night and he retorted "I did not. I beat McCouper every time I fought him. Then I had to fight Mah and he beat the ears off me." Bill, believe it or not, and there's no reason why you shouldn't, tipped the scales around 140 in those days.

Instructors in the Pro-Rec of 1938 along with Albert were Bob McLean and John Grimson. Softball hadn't gone into a decline then either and some of Albert's team mates included, Herb Morgan, Earl Batt, Sonny Beynon, Chuck Postuk, H. Prevost, Don Leighton and the late Bill Roma.

Should have a wire from Challenger's coach Bill McChesney tomorrow morning giving us the dope on the Rupert cagers first meeting tonight with the Ketchikan Rockets. Who knows, we might make a basketball correspondent out of young William. The rep squad left by plane for the Alaskan centre this morning.

Friday and Saturday nights this week should prove something in local basketball circles, but we're not sure just what. The Parker Round-Robin total point basketball tournament gets underway Friday evening with three Senior B and two Inter A squads scheduled to play a total of ten 20-minute games. Entered in the tournament are Manson's Omegas, Gordon and Andersons and CCC 300 Club of the senior loops and Watts & Nickersons and Bo-Me-Hi Rainmakers of the Inter A circuit.

As a newcomer here we've never seen the Senior and Inter A boys tangle, but from this corner we'd hazard a guess that it will be a case of experience versus youthful vitality and stamina. The high school squad is going to set the pace and it will be a matter of whether the more polished checking of the Senior B teams can counteract the speedy passing plays and rushes presently used in the junior league. The teams will play five games Friday and five games Saturday night with each game of two ten-minute halves. Individual cups will be presented the members of the winning team and by our book, by the time the last game has been played, they will have earned them.

Four-Game Basketball Card For Juniors Slated Tonight

Basketball league games get underway again tonight as the Prince Rupert Basketball association tries to windup the first round of the Junior Boys' league with a three-game card slated at the Civic Centre.

At the conclusion of the three games each of the six teams will have played each other once.

Lineup for the games is as follows: 6:30—Bulgers vs Annunciation; 7:15—Sports Shop vs Sea Cadets; 8 p.m.—Ormes vs NBC Power.

At the moment Sports Shop and Sea Cadets are tied for first place with four wins and no losses. Ormes are in second place with two wins and two losses. Annunciation and Bulgers are tied for third place with one win and three losses and NBC Power brings up the rear with no wins and four losses.

Yankees Named Outstanding Team Of 1953 in Associated Press Poll

NEW YORK (AP)—New York Yankees, who won an unprecedented fifth straight American League pennant and followed up with their fifth consecutive world series championship, were voted the outstanding team of 1953 today in the 23rd annual Associated Press year-end poll.

As they have monopolized baseball, so have the Bronx Bombers swept top honors in the AP poll, for this is the fourth consecutive year that Casey Stengel's men have been

voted "best team of the year." It was a runaway for the Yankees, who received 50 first-place votes from a total of 125 ballots cast by sports writers and sportscasters.

The Yankees, who defeated Brooklyn Dodgers in the world series four games to two, rolled up 289 points on a 3-2-1 basis. The University of Maryland, unbeaten in 10 regular season football games and named 1953's No. 1 college team in the AP poll last month, edged the pro football Cleveland Browns for second place.

Maryland, like Cleveland, came to the end of the road as the grid season ended. The Terrapins were upset by Oklahoma 7-0 in the Orange Bowl at Miami after Detroit Lions beat Cleveland in the playoff for the National Football League title.

EX-CHAMP COMMITTED CHICAGO (AP)—Oscar (Battling) Nelson, 71, former world's lightweight boxing champion, Monday was ordered committed to the Chicago state hospital. Dr. Clarence Geary told the court that Nelson was suffering from "an incurable senile dementia." Nelson has been living on a \$22 monthly pension and donations from friends. His wife, Edna, 49, died last week.

Hartwig Scores Smashing Upset

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP)—Australia's unpredictable Rex Hartwig scored a smashing upset Monday over veteran Vic Seixas of the United States in the quarter-finals of the South Australian tennis championships. Hartwig won the match 5-7, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

Tony Trabert of the U.S. probable opponent of Australia's 19-year-old winner, Lewis Hoad, in the finals, entered the semi-finals with a 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 conquest of Aussie lefthander Merwyn Rose.

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AFTER 17 YEARS of earth-shaking changes in their country's status, these German sculptors begin working on the inscriptions for monuments in the Olympic Stadium at Garmisch-Partenkirchen. They are just getting around to inscribing the names of 1936 Olympic winners.

No NHL Team Has Yet Managed To Win Third of Road Games

MONTREAL (CP)—With more than half their 35 road games played, not a team in the National Hockey League has been able to win one third of them.

The best showing so far has been made by Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs. Each has five wins in 18 games. Boston Bruins have won five of 19. Montreal Canadiens, fighting with Detroit for the league leadership and trying to pull away from the third-place Leafs, have won only four of 20, the same as the tail-end Chicago Black Hawks. New York Rangers have won only three of their 18 foreign-ice games.

Even considering ties and rating the clubs on points won, no team is reasonably close to 50 per cent winning hockey on the road. Detroit has the best percentage, 41.7, collecting 14 of a possible 36 points.

The individual point-scoring race underwent a few changes although Gordie Howe of Detroit held his seven-point margin over Ted Lindsay, his teammate. Howe failed to get a goal but picked up three assists and leads with 44 points. Lindsay had two goals and an assist raising his total to 37.

Montreal's Maurice Richard moved from fourth to third place collecting two goals and an assist. Richard, leading goal-scorer with 22, has 35 points, one better than Bernie Geoffrion.

CURLING RESULTS

Results of Canadian National Curling Club play Sunday are as follows: Kinnear 13, McDowell 6; Mitchell 9, Inkster 6; McAr 12, Buchanan 8; Barton 8, Dunbar 7; Dennis 10, Cameron 5.

Results of last night's play in the Columbia Cellulose competition at the Prince Rupert Women's Curling Club are as follows: 7 p.m.—Shier 7, Willson 15; Turner 11, McLeod 7; Ramsay 10, Schuman 4.

9 p.m.—Johnson 10, McBroom 7; McKenzie 11, Anderson 12; Bateman 7, Crossley 5.

Wednesday afternoon draw is as follows: Wesley vs. Hamilton; Lewis vs. Thom Moore vs. Partridge.

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press
St. Moritz, Switzerland, was the scene of the first recorded bobsleigh race 55 years ago today. Bob-sledding became an Olympic event in 1928 and German teams won both the two-man and four-man events at the Olympic winter games in Oslo in 1952.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT—CIVIC CENTRE

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Kramer Offers Time and Money to Help U.S. Find Talent For Winning Back Davis Cup

NEW YORK (AP)—All sorts of schemes have been advanced on how the United States can win back the Davis Cup from Australia, but Jack Kramer, one of the greatest American stars, has come up with a new one. And it might work.

He wants to give his time and money to developing new talent. The former amateur ace offered today to contribute \$7,500 and two months of his time in an effort to develop young players.

Kramer figures he will visit about 85 cities on his professional tour the first five months of this year. At each stop he would like to have the local professional or school coach bring a group of the most talented youngsters to him. He, along with his troupe of Pancho Segura, Pancho Gonzales and Don Budge, would look them over and pull out the best for special attention.

"Let's face it," he said, "some of the coaching in this country

is very bad. The only thing that is going to make a kid good is practice. If I can get a look at his shots, I can give a boy advice on what parts of his game to work on. I can even advise the pro."

The victory of the Australians in the cup challenge round last week convinced him something would have to be done—and "the only way to do it is to develop youngsters."

After he has looked over all

the lads—he wants them under 18 because they can develop easier—he would like the eight top prospects to go for a summer of coaching. More money he can get better, he said, but if no one wants to contribute he's ready to underwrite the cost himself. Gonzales won the \$4,000 prize of the opening "tournament" of Kramer's 1954 tour whipping Pancho Segura 6-4, 6-4 Monday night.

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