

Salt Water Fish Derby Plans Readied by Club

Final plans for the March 22 to April 25 first annual salt water fish derby have been completed by the Rupert Rod & Gun Club and action gets underway next Sunday.

Six-Man Boxla Teams to Play In Trial Period

VANCOUVER (CP)—The inter-city lacrosse league will give six-man lacrosse a two-month tryout this season.

The intercity commission met with team delegates and decided on the move. It was also decided to cut the goal width by six inches, also on a two-month trial basis.

The changes were suggested to the commission by K. A. MacLeod, president of the Canadian Lacrosse Association, who urged their adoption for "the good of the game."

One club, the Vancouver Pils, strongly objected to the six-man move. Commission chairman Tommy Gordon said he thought one man less on a team would speed up the game.

A new delayed penalty clause will also be adopted so that no team can be more than one man short at a time.

Bud Gourlie Presented With Trophy

VANCOUVER (CP)—Bud Gourlie of Olympics was awarded the Ivor Williams trophy as the most valuable player to his team in the Commercial Hockey league.

Eric Unger, now with Vancouver Canucks of the Western Hockey League, was presented with the George Sparling trophy as the league's high-scorer.

The trophies were presented during the last game of the league finals, won by Kerrisdale Wheelers.

Wheeler took the series three games to one with a 6-5 overtime win. They came from behind a 4-2 score with but five minutes left in the last period to send the game into overtime.

Corky Candaele scored the winning goal, his second of the night, and got assists on the two goals that tied the game. Other Kerrisdale scorers were Alex Rittinger with two and Rod McLeod.

Russia Signs Trade Agreement With Finland

By THOMAS HARRIS

HELSINKI (Reuters)—Russia probably will become Finland's best customer this year under a new trade agreement concluded in Moscow, but the big question is—will she pay?

Many firms fear that Finland's exports to Russia may exceed her imports and that she will pile up an uncollectable payments surplus behind the iron curtain.

This would mean the Finns had been led into exporting large amounts of goods to the Soviet Union free of charge, placing Finns in the same position as the iron curtain satellites which Russia is already "milking" in this fashion.

One feature of the trade agreement is that Poland and Czechoslovakia are to make deliveries of goods to Finland in repayment for the goods she sends Russia and Russia supposedly would repay the Czechs and the Poles.

Under the new Finno-Russian agreement, the Soviet Union has undertaken to buy 35,000,000 marks (about \$148,000,000) worth of Finnish goods. They include pre-fabricated houses and other wood industry products, ships, cables, factory, plant and other machinery.

Last year, Russia imported only 27,400,000 marks (about \$127,000,000) worth of goods from Finland. Finland's best customer was Britain, who bought 47,200,000 marks (about \$159,900,000) worth of goods.

The Finns fear they will not be able to sell so much to Britain this year and that Russia will replace it as their best market.

Russia sends Finland indispensable primary products like grain and fuel and takes from it manufactured products such as cables and ships.

The derby is open to two special age classes of anglers: those 16 and under, classed as juniors, and those over 16, classed as adults.

A convenient weighing station has been located at J. Clausen & Son supply store on the Cow Bay waterfront near Hunt's Float. Winning prizes will be awarded for the heaviest fish (any species except skate) weighed in by both junior and adult anglers.

Derby is open to all junior contestants. Entry fee is 25 cents and prizes of fishing tackle will be awarded to first, second and third winners.

The adult anglers class, is open to Rod & Gun Club members only. Entry fee is \$1 and three cash prizes will be awarded to winners.

Memberships can be obtained at the following places: Game Office, Rupert Radio & Electric, Kalen Co-op Hardware, Gordon's Hardware, Sport Shop, Howe & McNulty, Lipssett's, Kalen Hardware, Atlin Fisheries Ltd., Bacon Fisheries, Yacht Club, J. Clausen & Son.

Entry forms for the derby are available at Bacon Fisheries, Atlin Fisheries Ltd., the Yacht Club and at J. Clausen & Son.

Following is a summary of the salt-water derby rules:

- Fishing area—anywhere in the harbor.
- Sporting tackle only to be used, i.e., rod, reel, line, etc.
- Gaff-marks except in head of fish disqualifies entry.
- Entry ticket to be presented at weighing-in station.
- Fish to be weighed in the "round" (not opened).
- Any salt-water fish (except skate) five pounds or over eligible.

No Increased Pensions For Ex-CNR Workers

OTTAWA (CP)—The government is not considering increasing pensions to former Canadian National Railway employees receiving only the basic pension of \$25 a month, Transport Minister Chevrier said in the Commons.

He gave this reply to a question placed on the Commons order paper by Stanley Knowles (CCF-Winnipeg North Centre). There are 3,200 pensioners getting the basic amount.

Mr. Chevrier said the government's reasons for not increasing the pension were explained a year ago. Since then, there had been no further consideration, and no representations for an increase had been made by the CNR.

CNR Maintains Small Surplus

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian National Railway, despite record operating revenues of \$675,219,000 and a reorganized capital structure, barely maintained a 1952 surplus of \$143,327, the government-owned company's annual report showed today.

It was the first surplus since the Second World War and the first peacetime surplus since the boom year of 1928. In 1951, the company had a deficit of \$15,031,000. The report was tabled in the Commons by Transport Minister Chevrier.

KENTVILLE, N.S. (CP)—The 21st annual Annapolis Valley apple blossom festival has been set for May 29-June 2. The five-day program includes various events to be staged throughout the historic valley.



E. A. BUTLER, chancellor of the British exchequer, arrives in Ottawa for talks with Finance Minister Abbott. Britain's 50-year-old financial leader is paying his first official visit to Canada. Left to right: Sir Archibald Nye, United Kingdom high commissioner to Canada, Mr. Butler and Mr. Abbott.

Joe Davis Leads Scorers In City Basketball League

Joe Davis, star guard player for Gordon & Anderson of the senior city basketball league, topped the scoring division with a total of 227 points made in 16 league games, or an average of better than 14 points a game.

Runner-up to top place was Ray Spring of Manson-Omegas with 196 points in 14 games, and third spot is held by Davis' team-mate Jim Flaten with 191 points in 16 games.

Flaten also tallied the highest single game score of the season in the league with a 28-point total.

Following are official statistics of the senior league for 1952-53, with free throw attempts, free throws made, and personal fouls abbreviated as FTA, FTM, and PF, respectively.

NAME and TEAM	GAMES	FTA	FTM	PF	PTS
Joe Davis (G&A)	16	58	43	23	227
Ray Spring (Mansons)	14	95	62	30	195
Jim Flaten (G&A)	16	70	39	27	191
Don Scherk (CCC)	15	86	50	39	182
R. Holkestad (G&A)	16	89	45	41	173
A. Olson (Mansons)	16	63	37	9	149
M. Webster (Mansons)	16	42	29	26	149
G. Carlson (CCC)	15	37	21	53	126
D. Bill (Mansons)	16	56	31	53	120
D. Hartwig (Mansons)	16	83	45	31	120
R. Webber (G&A)	16	41	19	41	113
S. Scherk (CCC)	15	41	20	56	109
H. Marshall (CCC)	13	26	15	17	85
B. Sunberg (CCC)	11	28	13	34	81
J. Hebb (G&A)	13	28	15	27	75
M. Thompson (CCC)	15	20	8	17	66
T. Arney (Mansons-G&A)	16	16	7	13	63
E. Ciccone (CCC)	12	24	10	16	60
S. Dumas (Mansons-CCC)	11	11	7	16	41
N. Sather (Mansons)	16	18	7	2	33
B. Ratchford (CCC)	12	12	5	12	31
G. Dumas (CCC)	16	17	6	9	24
W. Gardiner (G&A)	13	6	2	1	8
B. Currie (G&A)	14	3	2	7	6
R. Evans (Mansons)	7	5	2	2	4

Win 5-Pin Roll-Off

The Moose quintet of the men's five-pin league led the six-team roll-offs scoring 5,475 in five games and winning the league championship behind top-trundling Alan Hale with a high single game of 322.

North Stars were runners-up to the champions, headed by Nick Kepes who rolled 1229 in the five games. North Stars also rolled the highest single team score of 1261.

Prizes and trophies will be awarded at the league banquet set for April 10.

Results — Moose 5475; North Stars 5340; Sedgewicks 5302; CGE 5297; Mansons 5293; Short Circuits 4999.

Old Country Soccer Standings

LONDON (AP)—British soccer standings, including games played Saturday

ENGLISH LEAGUE				
Division I				
	W	T	L	Pts
Burnley	16	10	6	42
Wolverhampton	15	11	8	41
Preston N.E.	16	8	7	40
West Bromwich	18	4	11	40
Arsenal	15	8	7	38

ENGLISH LEAGUE				
Division II				
	W	T	L	Pts
Sheffield U.	21	7	6	49
Huddersfield T.	18	9	6	45
Luton Town	12	5	9	41
Plymouth A.	16	7	10	39
Nottingham F.	15	7	11	37

SCOTTISH LEAGUE				
Division A				
	W	T	L	Pts
Hibernian	15	2	6	32
East Fife	13	6	5	32
Glasgow R.	12	5	4	29
Clyde	12	4	10	28
Celtic	10	6	7	26

SCOTTISH LEAGUE				
Division B				
	W	T	L	Pts
Hamilton A.	18	2	6	38
Stirling A.	17	3	5	37
Arbroath	13	7	5	33
Ayr United	13	2	10	28
Alloa A.	12	4	11	28



EIGHT PERSONS DIED as the result of a fire through a condemned tenement block in Halifax. The victims included five children. The fire, believed started in the kitchen of a ground-floor apartment, dozen families to flee in night clothes into the freezing cold.

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