

# In This Corner

By DICK AYRES

Dire need for referees was demonstrated Tuesday night when the Senior B game was held up for a chilly half hour because there were no arbiters to be found. When Ray Spring and Don Hartwig, both experienced players, were recruited they did a bang up job because among the many players available, they had the guts to go out there and do a necessary task and the players knew that they are up on the rules as much as anyone.

It is no good for the spectators or the players beefing about the refereeing when there is such a dearth and 80 per cent of the time the officials are gained from their own ranks. The basketball association is left with only three qualified referees, Vern Ciccone, Ole Slatta and Boyo Gurvitch.

Ciccone has deserted the Senior games because of the abuse he has taken from players who, despite their experience, "still have to have the rules interpreted for them." But he's willing to help out the Inter A. The high school players have voiced their disapproval of Slatta to the extent that it isn't worth his while exposing himself to criticism night after night for a couple of dollars. Ole will referee out of town games because of the need for him. Only Boyo Gurvitch is left of the trained referees who is still willing to officiate in any league, but shift work makes it hard for him to be always available. All that are left are lads who have done the best they can with the training they have had.

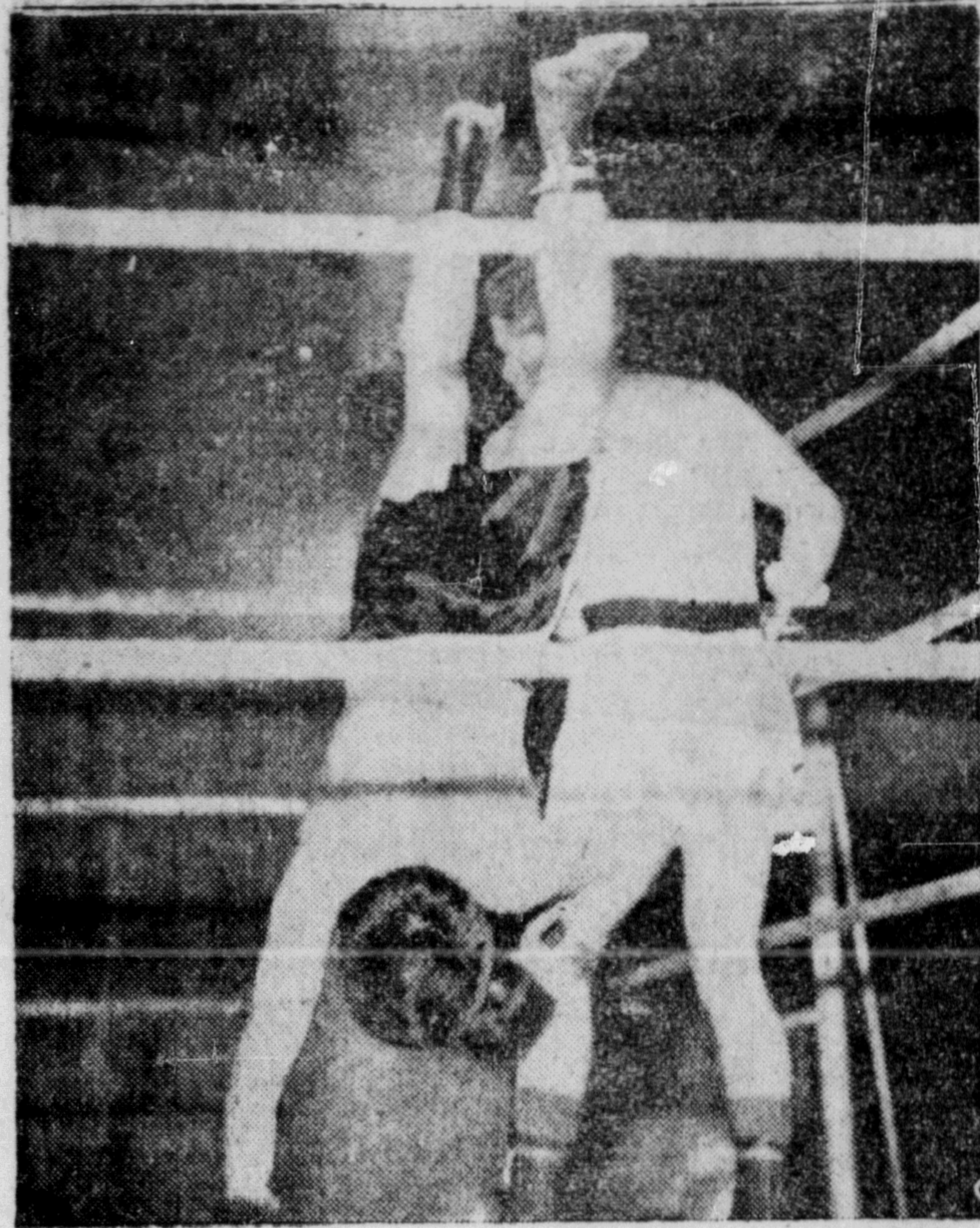
Mouse Morrison, Doug Sankey, Jimmy Flewin, Bob McFarlane, Morris Dean, Ray Spring, Jimmy Stewart, Mike Young, Don Carlson are among the players who have come out and given a hand, but the beefs are the same especially from the coaches. "He'll never referee another game, in which my team's playing," is the anguished cry you hear from the bench. Where do you hear the rules interpreted night after night? From where do the shouts of "Oh no!" and "How do you get that way?" come? The bench of course.

Well Don Hartwig came out and turned in a good performance with the whistle. Now we'd like to see Jack Evans, Minor Simonsen, Tom Naka turn out and take a crack at it. Bill McChesney probably would answer the call but he is behind the eight-ball physically. There's lots of players who could if only they'd make the step, but it's got to be handled judiciously.

The matter has got to be gone into thoroughly and schedules of officials drawn up. If possible, the referees should not be drawn from the same league as that in which they play. If the seniors have to have Inter A referees they should respect them, both for their efforts in doing it at all and because they may not be as experienced as the players themselves. But remember this, if they don't learn on the floor they never will gain experience. No amount of experience can be obtained by merely memorizing the rule book.

Now we'll stand back and try not to be moved down by the rush of volunteers. However, one thing we would suggest is that the basketball commission call a meeting of referees players and interested persons this very next week and try to do something about the problem. Otherwise the lack of arbiters may leave whole evenings blank instead of merely delaying a game for half an hour.

Speaking of meetings it will be interesting to see tomorrow night when 3 o'clock rolls around just how many people care about what happens to the Civic Centre, and whether there's sufficient support for an ice arena or an indoor swimming pool. It will be interesting because it will give a clear picture, which we'll publish, of just how many of the persons who take advantage of the Centre's activities, care whether they continue or not. Question tomorrow night will be "have we a quorum or not?" It takes 50 persons to make a quorum of the association.



**HUGH MEIKLE** of Glasgow, Scotland, literally has Don Churm of Brantford, Ont., standing on his head in an amateur bout at Toronto. Bouncing back from the ropes in the second round, Churm crashed into Meikle's shoulder, turned upside down and landed on his head. Meikle won the fight on a decision.

## Royals Robbed of Third Spot By Edmonton's 3-2 Victory

Edmonton Flyers flew to a 3-2 victory over the New Westminster Royals Wednesday night in the Western Hockey League.

For the fourth night in a row, only one game was played in the league and only one was scheduled for tonight, Saskatoon Quakers will entertain the Kitchin Calgary Stampede.

Wednesday's game was a tough one to lose for Royals. A victory would have jumped the home team into third place ahead of Saskatoon.

But Edmonton, snapping back from Tuesday's 2-0 mauling at the hands of Vancouver Canucks was in command most of the way.

Vic Stasiuk, back after a short stay with Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League, led the way despite a severe back injury which he suffered last spring and which occasionally still gives him a twinge.

Royals, on the other hand were minus defenceman Ron Matthews and forward Pierre Brilliant, both nursing injured ankles.

Gordy Fashway opened the scoring midway through the first period. Stasiuk tied it up on an assist from Don Poile.

Royals' Max McNao sank his own rebound from close in and the first period score was New Westminster 2-1. Only tally in the second was by Stasiuk when he evened the score.

Don Poile won it for Edmonton halfway through the final period.

Tonight's game has a chance to extend the league lead by three points over Vancouver Canucks, the same opportunity which faces Saskatoon currently sitting in third spot only one point ahead of Royals.

The WHL has played 132 games this season. The home club has taken 95 of these, lost 22 and tied 15. The team scored the first goal won 103, lost 33 and tied 22. The home team scored first 105 times.

## Hay Air-Lift Saves Starving Island Cattle

VICTORIA (CP)—Bales of hay, air-lifted to Quadra Island at the head of Georgia Strait, were dropped to starving livestock Tuesday.

A B.C. Airlines plane answered a call to go to the aid of cattle and horses, owned by Earl Young, a Quadra farmer, and marooned near Main Lake. The animals were unable to reach feed for the last week due to more than four feet of snow.

Two hay drops were made and on the second run, crews could see men on the ground spreading out the fodder.

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## Rocket, Boom Boom Break Jinx on Leafs' Home Ice

By The Canadian Press  
Maurice Richard and Bernie Geoffrion were sure today that all nets around the National Hockey League circuit are six feet wide and four feet high. They must have wondered at times.

## Next Goal For Moore Marciano

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Light heavyweight champion Archie Moore having finally disposed of Joey Maxim as a challenger, is clamoring for a crack at Rocky Marciano's crown.

That heavyweight target, however, may prove as elusive for Archie as the light heavyweight title change he pursued so many years. Chances are Moore now will either fight Harold Johnson or go back to South America on another exhibition tour.

Marciano's opponents this year probably will be Dan Bucceroni in March and Ezzard Charles in June or September. Indications are that the champ's manager, Al Weill, is working on a schedule that leaves Moore strictly out.

The powerful Moore smashed Maxim to the canvas twice last night as he scored his third and by far his most decisive victory over the Cleveland jabber, the only man he has ever fought as a champion.

He lifted the title from Maxim in St. Louis Dec. 17, 1952, and successfully defended it against George in Ogden, Utah, June 21, 1953. Moore, now 37, had been fighting for 16 years and had been a contender about 10.

"I think this one ended my series with Joe," Moore said with a big grin in his dressing room. "I'd like to fight Marciano now, but I'll talk to Harold Johnson if they'll get up the money."

## NHL LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts
Howe, Detroit	21	29	50
Richard, Montreal	20	29	49
Geoffrion, Montreal	25	30	45
Lindsay, Detroit	15	26	41
Mosiel, Montreal	19	17	38
Sandford, Boston	13	23	36
Kelly, Detroit	12	23	35
Reibel, Detroit	11	24	35
Olmstead, Montreal	9	25	34
Sloan, Toronto	8	29	34
Hony, New York	17	14	31
Peirson, Boston	16	15	31
Ronty, New York	9	22	31
Hergesheimer, N.Y.	21	9	30
Raleigh, New York	11	19	29

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**TOMMY BURNS**, 72, only Canadian to hold the world heavyweight boxing championship, is coming back to his native soil from his present home at Coalinga, Calif., to attend the annual Sports Celebrity Dinner of the Ontario Sportswriters and Sportcasters Association at Toronto next Feb. 18. Born Noah Brusso at Hanover, Ont., Burns held the title from 1906 until he was beaten by Jack Johnson in Australia in 1908. Once the owner of a speakeasy in New York, during the 1920s, Burns now is an evangelist.

## Lyndhursts Land in France

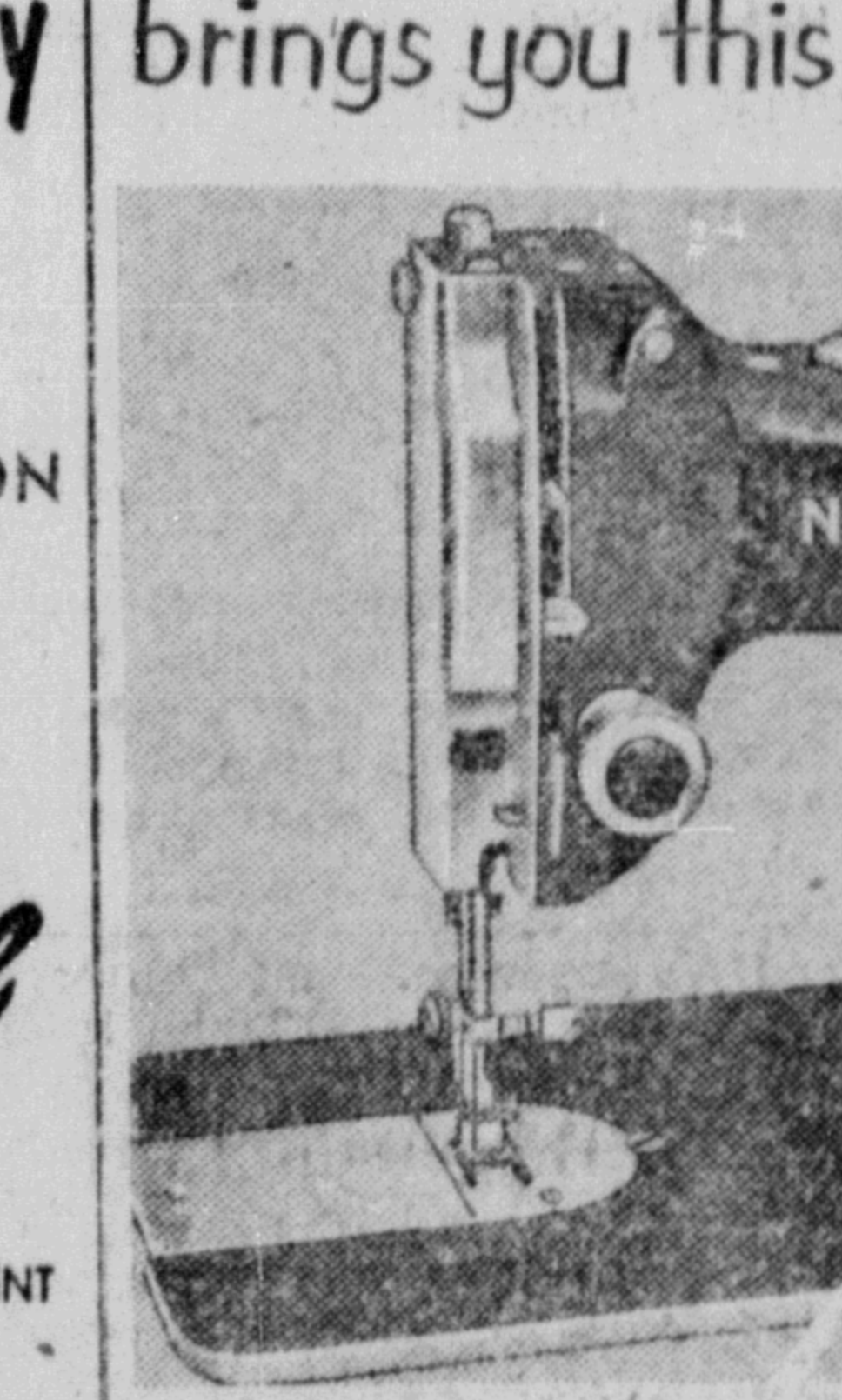
CHERBOURG, France (Reuters)—Toronto Lyndhursts, who represent Canada at the world ice hockey championships in Stockholm next month, arrived here today from New York aboard the liner Queen Mary.

The team will play the first of a series of exhibition matches on European rinks at the Palais des Sports in Paris Saturday night before touring Switzerland, Italy and Germany.

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Results of play by Ladies' Curling Club for Art Murray trophy are as follows: Thom 4, Petrov 7; Hamilton 6, Moore 7; Lewis 9, Partridge 6.  
Draw for tomorrow afternoon: Wakley vs. Hamilton; Lewis vs. Thom; Moore vs. Partridge.

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## Canadian Champ Retains Title

CALGARY (CP)—Doug Harper of Calgary retained his Canadian light-heavyweight championship at the pavilion here Wednesday night when he battled Yvon Durelle of Bale Ste. Anne, N.B., to a draw in 12 rugged rounds. Harper weighed 171½ and Durelle an even 171.  
Durelle, who lost the title to Harper weighed 171½ and Durelle, came up with a game display to be holding his own with the champ on at the finish.

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