



## In This Corner

By DICK AYRES

Since the curlers are, we hope, indulging in work bees to get the ice in shape for the new year, badminton hasn't got going again after the holiday, the rain is styming the skiers and the bowlers are taking a well-earned rest until the new year, that leaves us very little sport in this town about which to talk except basketball. And that's what we were going to talk about anyway, the Bo-Me-Hi versus Duke of Connaught High school game.

Needless to say the 350 or so cage fans that were at the Civic Centre last night got their money's worth and will be back for more. What the basketball association and the Booth Memorial High school officials would like to see is about twice that number beating their way to the Civic Centre tonight to see the second encounter between the two fighting squads who put their hearts and souls into a really good basketball exhibition.

It was a good game and we're sure even coach Bob Hindmarsh of the Dukes will agree. Sure Bo-Me-Hi won and its always a good game for the winners, but the local lads didn't have it all their own way. Rainmakers' coach Jack Evans was perturbed no end in the last quarter when he thought that he was going to see his victory float away at the foul line. Coach Hindmarsh was undoubtedly confident that given a few more minutes and the New Westminster crew would have taken it anyway. It all depends where you're sitting. As a matter of fact, now that the Dukes have sampled our Civic Centre floor, it's in the cards that the Royal City crew may take tonight's game, but like last night's tilt, not with ease. Who'll take the third exhibition we couldn't say.

We never realized just how tall some of our high school players were until they stood up along side the visitors whose measurements were listed yesterday. Six-foot-three inch Marvin Berg, who nearly played for Bo-Me-Hi when he was working up here in the summer but wasn't permitted to, didn't get too many of the tip-offs when jumping against Freddy Kristmanson. If you think the Dukes didn't get a verbal dressing down at during "time-outs" for not getting some of those rebounds you've got another think coming. We got quite a kick out of Duke's Ralph Clasby, coming off for a rest and being relieved by Harry Keen. Said Harry, "Who's your're check?" Pointing to "Mouse Morrison," Ralph muttered "that big guy." For the edification of our visitors we point with pride to Mouse who, though still in high school, is British Columbia light-heavy champion. Never mind men, he's a lovable lad on the basketball floor. Of the 20 points that Berg chalked up to lead the Dukes, 12 of them were free shots which he sank in 16 tries. Dick Nickerson was actually the best shotmaker of the night, sinking six field goals. It's hard to pick a standout on the Dukes' team because the boys played so hard and so well as a team. Keen substituted for Clasby in the second quarter and promptly racked up six points. Although Rebagliati fouled out he was useful throughout and the Wallins contributed 13 points to their team's total between them. For the Rainmakers next to Nickerson and Mouse Morrison, Ron Ciccone was outstanding and was easily the fastest man on the floor. However, when it came to snagging long passes and making them pay off Rod Tait and Rey McKay were tops. Jimmy Stewart and Greig Forbes who didn't get into strip last night due to the ten-men-on-the-bench rule, may see action tonight. The Dukes with only six men, had planned to bring a seventh, but one of their star centres contracted trench mouth just before they left the Royal City.

**POST SCRIPTS**—The school spirit was rife last night and leading the cheers and yells for Bo-Me-Hi were cheerleaders Betty Terrion, Lenore Nilson, Pat Willson and Shirley Pierce. Taking care of the Dukes while they are here, billeting them and feeding them are Gunnar Anderson, George Shenton, T. V. Black and Eugene Nelson. A voice that rang out once in awhile last night with words of caution or advice was that of Bo-Me-Hi's acting principal R. H. "Slim" Davidson. Also adding encouragement and words of wisdom to those of coach Jack Evans was Don Hartwig. Well folks, that's all for last night's game, let's get ready for tonight's. We expect to see all of you (all 750 of you) there tonight. You won't regret it and it'll probably incite you to see Wednesday's too.

## Record Number of 21 Boxers Died After Bouts in 1953

By JACK HAND

**NEW YORK**—A record number of 21 boxing fatalities in 1953 was recorded by Ring magazine in a copyrighted article appearing in its February issue.

The records showed 11 professional and 10 amateur deaths with only two pro deaths in the United States. Dick Miller died after a Worcester, Mass., bout April 21 and Robert Lee Bobby Donald after a Miami Beach match Aug. 18. Of the 10 amateur fatalities, six occurred in the United States. In 1952, there were 17 deaths.

Ring also selected Nino Valdes of Cuba as the pro boxer making the most progress in 1953. The 28-year-old heavy-weight, six feet, three and 215 pounds, hit the high ratings by upsetting Ezzard Charles at Miami and knocking out Heinz Neuhaus in Germany to become the No. 1 contender to champion Rocky Marciano.

Wallace Bud Smith, Carmen Basilio and Earl Walls of Edmonton also were recognized for 1953 progress. Smith took over the No. 1 ranking among light-weight challengers and Basilio moved into the same spot in the welter class after knocking down champion Kid Gavilan while losing a disputed split decision in a title bout. Walls moved into the No. 5 spot among the heavyweights by twice knocking out Rex Layne.

Ring selected Carl Bobo Olson, the middleweight champion, as the "boxer of the year" although

## Hockey Scores

Western League  
Vancouver 3, Victoria 1.  
Calgary 3, Seattle 2.



**THE TROPHY ROOM** of Shirley Thomas, 18, of Aylmer, Que., one of Canada's outstanding women athletes, is crowded with prizes she has won as one of the world's leading women riders. She rode to international fame in 1953 in Canada and the United States as the only woman on Canada's four-member equestrian team.

## Rainmakers Stave off Rallying Dukes To Capture Speedy Exhibition 52-48

Booth Memorial High School Rainmakers held off a rallying Duke of Connaught quintet to score a 52-48 decision in the first of three exhibition games slated for the Civic Centre this week.

Second game is tonight, and the final of the series is Wednesday night. Sparked by Bill (Mouse) Morrison the Rainmakers took advantage of their home floor and racked up a 13-8 first quarter lead. Getting their legs in the second stanza, Bob Hindmarsh's charges held the Bo-Me-Hi crew 14-14 as Marvin Berg made the free shots pay off and Harry Keen netted two field goals and two singletons. Dick Nickerson's one-handed long shots kept the locals in the lead as the half ended 27-22.

Jack Evans' Rainmakers had their hands full in the third canto as the Duke outscored them 12-9, with Berg, Ken Wallin and Ralph Clasby all sinking field goals. The Dukes had the game tied up during the quarter but the buzzer found the visitors still trailing 36-34.

Both teams were equal on field goals in the final quarter which the Rainmakers took, 16-14. Freddy Kristmanson finally got his hook shot working just before he fouled out and Rey McKay, Art Heilm and Dick

Nickerson also tallied. For the Dukes Berg sank four out of five free shots plus a field goal. Ralph Clasby potted two field baskets and Ken Wallin tallied with the fourth. Bill Morrison collected his fifth foul and was sidelined as was Jack Rebagliati for the Dukes.

Clasby's second field goal brought the New Westminster score to within one point at 49-48 but Nickerson collected a completed free shot and Rey McKay sank the clincher for Bo-Me-Hi.

Marvin Berg was high man for the night, collecting 20 of the Duke's points followed by

## Aussies Laced In Doubles

**MELBOURNE**—Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas, top American seige guns, crushed Lewis Hoad and Rex Hartwig 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 today to put the United States into a 2-1 lead over Australia in the Davis Cup challenge round.

This doubles event was of paramount importance to both countries, and now the U.S. has a decided advantage in that it must win only one of the two remaining singles scheduled for Wednesday. They will pit Trabert against Hoad and Seixas against Ken Rosewall.

Captain Harry Hopman and the Australian selection committee gambled and lost by sending Hartwig into the fray instead of Rosewall, the youngster who dropped the second singles match to Trabert Monday.

Hartwig, new to Davis Cup competition, had a bad case of nerves. In addition, he never had teamed with Hoad in a major tournament before, and could not anticipate his partner's moves.

**N.H.L. STANDINGS**  
By The Canadian Press

Team	W	L	T	P	A	Pts
Detroit	20	5	6	163	63	46
Montreal	21	12	2	100	73	44
Toronto	17	10	6	71	54	40
Boston	14	14	5	81	91	33
New York	10	19	6	72	102	26
Chicago	7	25	5	71	115	19



**EARL WALLS OF TORONTO**, heavyweight boxer, won second place among Canada's outstanding athletes in The Canadian Press annual sports poll for 1953. The Toronto heavyweight boxer hit the headlines during the year with knock-outs over contending heavy-weight title fighters.

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## OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

**LONDON (CP)**—Following are results of soccer games played in the Old Country over the week-end:

**SATURDAY ENGLISH LEAGUE DIVISION I**  
Aston Villa 1, Wolverhampton 2.  
Blackpool 2, Arsenal 2.  
Bolton W. 3, Charlton A. 1.  
Chelsea 2, Cardiff C. 0.  
Huddersfield 1, 2, Sunderland 1.  
Liverpool O. W. Bromwich 0.  
Manchester C. 2, Salford U. 1.  
Newcastle U. 2, Middlesbrough U. 3.  
Preston N. E. 2, Burnley 1.  
Sheffield W. 0, Manchester U. 1.

**DIVISION II**  
Derby C. 3, Bury 1.  
Doncaster R. 0, Blackburn R. 2.  
Hull C. 3, Lincoln C. 0.  
Leeds U. 0, Nottingham F. 2.  
Luton T. 3, West Ham U. 1.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION A**  
Aberdeen 8, Strirling A. 0.  
Clyde 1, Celtic 7.  
Falkirk 4, Airdrieonians 1.  
Hamilton A. 0, St. Mirren 2.  
Hearts 0, Partick T. 2.  
Raith R. 1, Dundee 2.  
Rangers 3, Aberdeen 0.  
**DIVISION B**  
Aberdeen R. 4, Dumbarton 1.  
Airdrie 2, Motherwell 3.  
Ayr U. 3, Arbroath 0.  
Dunfermline U. 1, St. Johnstone 4.  
Forfar A. 1, Thra Larack 4.  
Gorton 3, Cowdenbeath 0.  
Queen's P. 1, Kilmarnock 1.

**FRIDAY ENGLISH LEAGUE DIVISION I**  
Burnley 2, Preston N.E. 1.  
Charlton A. 1, Bolton W. 0.  
Manchester U. 5, Sheffield W. 2.  
Middlesbrough 2, Newcastle U. 3.  
Sheffield 1, Aldershot 1.  
Tottenham H. 1, Portsmouth 1.  
W. Bromwich 5, Liverpool 2.

**DIVISION II**  
Birmingham C. 3, Notts C. 0.  
Blackburn R. 2, Doncaster R. 0.  
Brentford 3, Oldham A. 1.  
Bury 4, Derby C. 0.  
Exeter 3, Bristol 0.  
Leicester C. 4, Rotherham U. 1.  
Notts F. 5, Leeds U. 2.  
West Ham U. 1, Luton T. 0.  
Scottish League—No Games

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## Geoffrion, Murphy Suspended As NHL Boss Raps Conduct

**MONTREAL (CP)**—Clarence Campbell, president of the National Hockey League swung the big stick last night in the sequel to a stick-swinging duel in Madison Square Gardens Dec. 20. In the harshest rebuke in some years, Campbell suspended Bernie Geoffrion of Montreal Canadiens for eight games and Ron Murphy of New York Rangers for five as punishment for the incident in which both were injured.

His announcement, after a week-long study, said neither player was blameless. Campbell said: "But it is not sufficient to consider only the comparative results for the principals. What is much more important is the possible effect of the entire episode on the game as a whole."

Campbell said Murphy, still in hospital with a broken jaw, first menaced Geoffrion with his stick while the Canadian player was attempting to fight with his fists. Geoffrion suffered a blow on "the right side of his head opening a cut which subsequently required four stitches."

Geoffrion then retrieved loose stick and "took a two-handed overhead swing at Murphy but missed. He immediately followed with a two-handed baseball swing and struck Murphy on the left of the face and Murphy fell on the ice."

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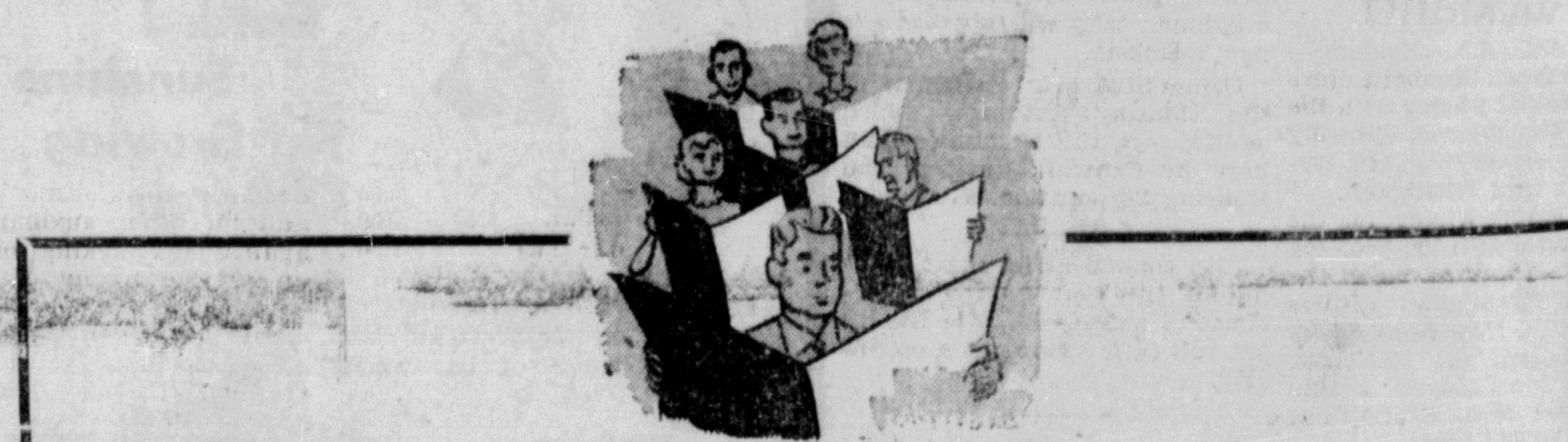
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