

Newly-Selected Rupert Basketball Commission Invites High School To Provide Senior Team

A newly-elected Prince Rupert amateur basketball authority last night invited Booth Memorial High School to provide one team for the senior league in the 1953-54 season and also nodded approval to an offer by Terrace to join the league.

Heading the new basketball commission as chairman is Fred Jones, Civic Centre representative. Other members are R. H. (Slim) Davidson, school representative; Jack Marchant, Rusty Ford and Bob Armstrong, members-at-large.

Mr. Marchant was named secretary, and Mr. Jones will also act as treasurer.

The offer to the high school to join the senior circuit was unanimous from the new board, formal acceptance or refusal by

the school is expected in a few days. Three other teams—Mansons, Gordon & Andersons, and Columbia Cellulose—already have registered.

But the commission ruled that each senior team must have at least nine players "benched" on league opening night—Nov 7—to qualify. The ruling was made to give an opportunity to a maximum number of eligible players to register on senior teams.

The board understood that several qualified senior calibre players were forming a team for Inter A competition. If High School accepts the board's invitation into the upper loop, the Inter A division would be eliminated for lack of enough players, reported Jack Evans, representing Mr. Davidson in his absence.

The board also accepted an offer by Ab Hart, representing the Terrace Basketball Association, for an exhibition game here opening night between the interior town and a city team. While Hart's further request to join the league was approved in principle, further study of his bid will take place.

When asked if the Terrace team was of a calibre to compete with the city seniors, Hart declared:

"Our team will stack up to any of your teams."

Meanwhile, the commission is faced with some major problems:

- It is short two coaches. (Mansons and Gordon & Andersons are uncoached so far.)

- It feels coaches should have more authority over teams and is seeking to put some "teeth" in administrative policy.

- It is seeking a more satisfactory method of player registration in the senior league.

According to information received by certain commission members, last year's coaches Alex Bill (G&A), Don Hartwig (Mansons) and Helge Holkestad (CCC) were "not interested" in coaching again.

Commission chairman Jones suggested that reason for this was the lack of authority the coaches had over players.

"We have to stand behind the coaches," he said. "Players must be taught once and for all that they don't run the show, they just put it on."

NO-NAMES, RESIDUALS TIED IN MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Shirley Ginn and Marie Hiltz tied for ladies' high single in the Friday Night Mixed Bowling league when they rolled 223. Betty Wade took ladies' high triple honors with 586.

Don Fraser with 278 took men's high single and Helge Holkestad won men's high three with 680.

No-Names came through with high team single of 1109 and Residuals with 3147 took team high triple.

No-Names and Residuals are tied for first place in the standings with 14 points apiece. Other standings are Conboeds 13, Northland Dairy 12, MB Wildcats 12, Savoy 10, Bulger's 10, MB Lucky Strikes 10, Timber-Ties 9, Pilots 6, Hi-Ballers 5, Nelson Bros. 4.

LONDON (AP)—Montreal and Glasgow curling rinks battled to a 12-12 tie Tuesday night in a television broadcast.

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Jupiter Captures Cambridgeshire

NEWMARKET, England (AP)—Sir Gordon Richards rode Jupiter, a three-year-old chestnut colt, to victory today in the Cambridgeshire Handicap stakes at Newmarket.

King of the Tudors, ridden by Ken Gethin, was second and Fair Colleen, ridden by J. Sime, was third.

\$350,000 Dangled as Bait For Sugar Ray to Fight Olson

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson, who came out of Harlem a skinny kid to become one of the greatest ring fighters of them all, has been a big-timer for all of his career, and he will not change now that he is playing the medium night clubs as a song-and-dance man.

When he announces he has been urged to come out of retirement and challenge Bobo Olson for the middleweight title which he, Robinson, renounced last year, the lure dangled before him is a cool \$350,000, a figure worthy of the Robinson imagination.

The fact the promoters would need to gross at least \$1,000,000 at the gate and through television to pay such a guarantee, didn't faze the great man.

There wasn't a doubt in our mind that the powerful International Boxing Club had, indeed, caught Robinson backstage and begged him for the sake of \$350,000 and the present 48 states to attempt a comeback—until we stumbled over the con-

cluding paragraph. "Of course," Robinson was quoted as having said, "the final decision will have to be made by my manager, George Gainford."

That sounded a gong back somewhere in the inner recesses. Since when was Sugar Ray Robinson depending upon Gainford or anyone else to make his decisions for him? It spoiled the whole story then and there, even before officials of the IBC professed their bewilderment.

The men on the fight beat have known almost from the first that Gainford nor anyone else ever told the gifted young pugilist what he was to do, either inside or outside the ring.

Filchok Thorn In Fans' Sides At Winnipeg

WINNIPEG (AP)—Flinging Fran Filchok brings his Saskatchewan Roughriders to town tonight for the first game of the two-game, total-point Western Interprovincial Football Union semi-finals, and Winnipeg Blue Bomber fans are jittery.

In six starts against the Bombers this season, the Roughriders have managed four wins, two of them with Filchok handling the ball in the back. In his last appearance in the new Winnipeg stadium, the old master called a flawless game and pitched a touchdown strike as his team won 13-13.

Filchok was forced back to active duty when import quarter Glenn Dobbs took to the bench with a hip injury.

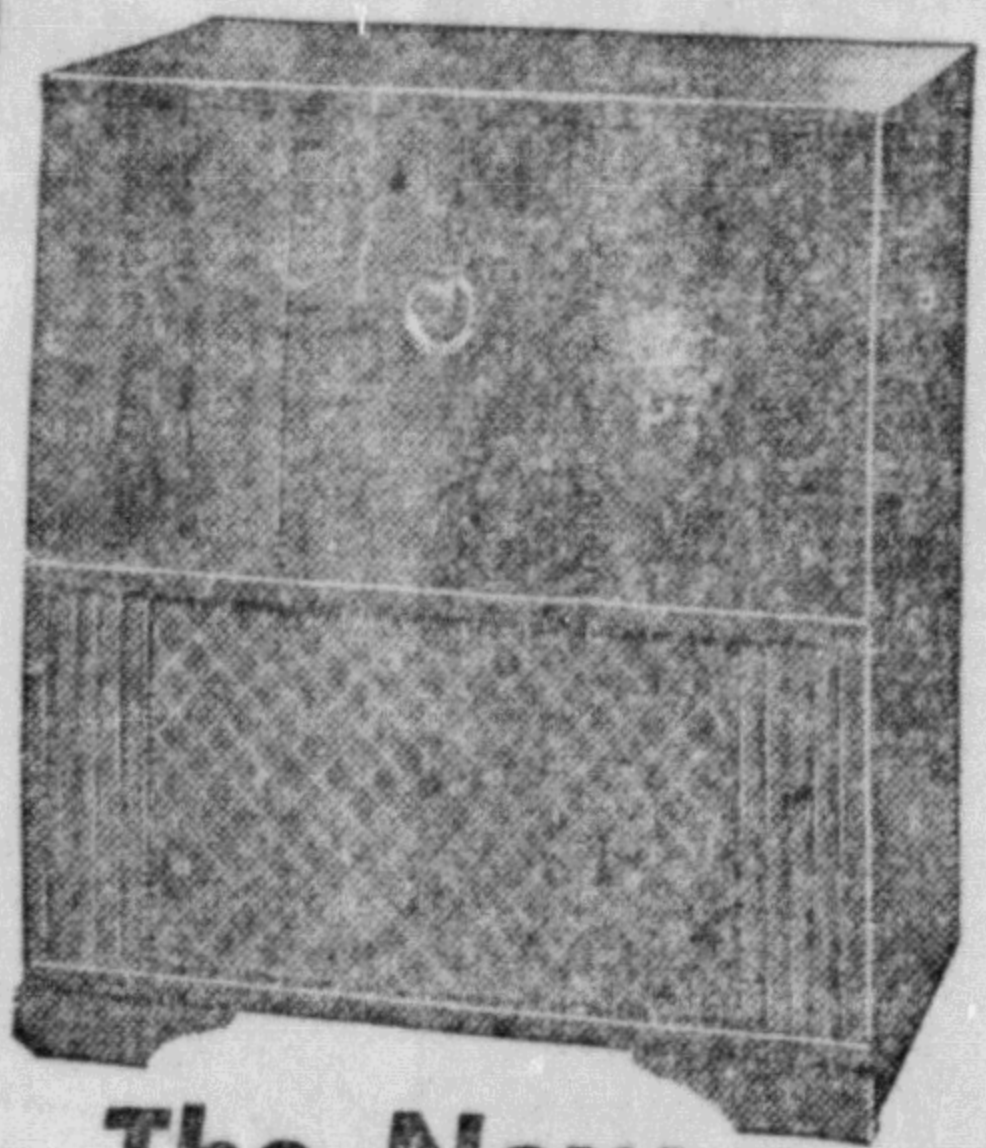
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