



LINED UP FOR THE CANADIAN curling championships which started Monday at Sudbury, Ont., are skips of the 11 competing rinks, representing the 10 provinces plus Northern Ontario. Front row, left to right: N. P. Rockwell, Newfoundland; E. F. Acorn, Prince Edward Island; R. A. Noble, New Brunswick; B. Haines, Nova Scotia, and K. Weldon, Quebec. Back row, left to right: P. L. Gilbert, Southern Ontario; G. Watson, Northern Ontario; A. Gowanlock, Manitoba; V. J. Hill, Saskatchewan; L. Haw, Alberta; Reg Stone, British Columbia.

Veteran Sportsman, Jim Bacon, Again Elected President of Rod and Gun Club

Veteran sportsman and pioneer of Prince Rupert, Jim Bacon, was unanimously returned last night as president of the Prince Rupert Rod & Gun Club.

Richard Better Than Howe Says Ranger Check Player

NEW YORK (CP)—Eddie Kullman, who so ably handles the job of checking Detroit's Gordie Howe and Montreal's Maurice Rocket Richard, has stepped into the debate over which is the better. "Richard is tougher to handle," Kullman says. "He can break faster, always does the unexpected. And he's all over the ice—on either wing or at centre ice. You never know where he's going to be—this way or that way, over the top of you or under you. He's much shifter than Howe." In 11 games on Madison Square Garden ice this season, the blunder, squat 29-year-old native of Winnipeg, who seldom scores himself, has kept Richard scoreless, while Howe has only one goal. Away from New York, Howe has scored four times a season.

Other officers returned at the annual general meeting were Harold Thom, vice-president;

George Rovick, secretary, and Norman Christensen, treasurer.

Directors elected included Mrs. Bob (Tona) Armstrong, women's representative; Jerry Christoff and Bruce Stanwood, junior representatives; Bob Armstrong, Howard Walker, Al Manson, Bill Wood, George Robinson, Frank Parlette, Earl Becker, Vic Williams and T. J. Boulter.

Plans for a crowd shoot were announced by Bill Woods, chairman of the trap-shooting committee. Permission to shoot crows here can be obtained from the game warden, said Mr. Woods. The shoot would get under way shortly, and will be open to members of the Rod & Gun Club only.

Mr. Woods said, too, that only members will be permitted the use of the trap-shooting range and must present their 1953 membership cards.

Richard's record is 50 goals for the club.

Gordon and Anderson Win Basketball Championship Downing CCC in Final

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Lighter Bat Helps Granny Produce Runs

By JOE REICHLER

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP)—Granny Hamner has cleared up the mystery of his sudden transformation from an ordinary batter into one of the better power hitters of the National League, and it was a new light on supposedly-easy-going Steve O'Neill.

The star 26-year-old shortstop of Philadelphia Phillies hit 17 home runs last year, almost doubling his 1951 production, and was one of the leading run producers of the circuit with 87 runs batted in.

"It goes back to the time O'Neill replaced Eddie Sawye, as manager of the Phillies last July," Hamner explained. "I had been playing pretty good ball until Steve joined us. Then, for some unaccountable reason, I fell into a dismal batting slump.

"The boys started a rally in a late inning and it was my turn to bat. I was always regarded as a pretty good clutch hitter, so you can imagine my astonishment when Steve pulled me out and sent in Johnny Wyrostek. It was the first time in six years with the Phillies that I had ever been yanked for a pinch-hitter.

"That shook me up more than anything that ever had happened to me before."

The next day, Hamner discarded his 34-ounce, 35-inch bat to a lighter one 34 inches long and weighing only 32 ounces, and moved his grip down to the edge of the handle to get more power.

In his first time at bat, he bashed a pitch into the distant left-field seats.

"I was a different kind of hitter from then on. I always had the power, I guess, but I had not been using the right bat. The insult by O'Neill paved the way for the radical decision."

The famous black soil belt of the Ukraine is the chief wheat-producing area in the Soviet Union.

Hardware Team to Represent City in Provincial Series

Gordon and Anderson senior men's basketball club last night defeated CCCs 53-46 to win the league championship and the right to represent this city in the provincial senior B playoffs to be held here in April.

The victory gave Alex Bill's Big Five a one-game lead over former league-leading Manson Omegas, coached by Don Hartwig.

Bill coached last year's Prince Rupert Challengers in the senior A provincial playoffs, losing out to Vancouver Elers. Playoffs for the 1953 city championship between G-As and Omegas begin Saturday with the first game of a best-of-five final.

G-As were not without trouble and were worried hard by the fast breaking millers last night with only a few points separating scores until the final period.

While play on both teams appeared to fall apart in the last frame, sensational shooting by G-As' Joe Davis, Jim Flaten and Rupe Holkestad piled up the winning points.

For the losers, the Scherk brothers and Bill Sunberg provided the drive and scoring strength with Don Scherk shooting the high mark of the game with 16 points.

The G-A victory means a decided comeback for coach Bill, whose squad suffered a slight slump in the last half of the season, mainly because of better play by last place CCCs and

Lineup:
GORDON & ANDERSON—Flaten 15, Davis 14, Holkestad 13, Webber 6, Arney 4, Gardiner, Hebb 1. Total—53.

CCC—D. Scherk 16, Dumis 1, Sunberg 7, Carlson 7, S. Scherk 6, Marshall 9. Total—46.

Cook Trophy Finalists Meet Friday

Berg and Ostertag rinks meet in the 12-end finals Friday in the Prince Rupert Curling Club's George Cook trophy competition. Sandy Newton has been appointed umpire.

At the same time, semi-finals in the Gordon's Hardware competition between Matthew and Rowbotham rinks will be played off. Both matches will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Tomorrow night, the pre-bonspiel competition begins with the draw as follows:
7:15—Sieber vs High School rink; Laurie vs Moore.
9:15—Wilson vs Shier; Greene vs Bateman.

Boxers Coming From Ketchikan

Six or seven young Ketchikan boxers are scheduled to arrive here for a bout Friday night with members of the Saunders boys' boxing club at the Annunciation gym.

The visitors will be in the 75-118-pound weights. Further details on the card will be announced.

Ralph Kiner Acknowledge's He's a Holdout

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP)—Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh Pirates' home run king, acknowledges he's a 1953 holdout.

And a little simple arithmetic indicates he and general manager Branch Rickey are about \$9,000 apart in their dickering. As his teammates reported for spring training at Havana, Kiner said he had airmailed an offer to Rickey a week ago to join them.

It was an acceptance, Ralph said, of terms offered by Rickey in a conference February 13.

The reported sum involved was \$76,500—a cut from Kiner's reported \$90,000 salary last year when his batting average slipped to .244.

In Havana Sunday, Rickey said he hadn't received Kiner's letter, and that new salary talks would have to start on the basis of a 25-per-cent salary slash. That figures out to \$67,500.

Kiner responded: "Under those terms I'm going to have to be a holdout."

He said he accepted the February 13 "substantial" cut because Rickey allowed him to report two weeks late for training.

"He made an offer to me which I accepted," Kiner said. "Now if he's going to back down and ask me to take a 25-per-cent cut we're going to have a little trouble getting together."

Expressing confidence he and Rickey could come to terms, Kiner said: "No matter what happens, I know I'm going to be playing ball for the Pittsburgh Pirates this year—unless I'm traded."

Rickey said there were no deals pending to trade Kiner, and the slugger said he knew of none.

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NHL LEADERS

By The Canadian Press

Standing—Detroit, won 30, lost 14, tied 15—75 points.
Points—Howe, Detroit, 81.
Goals—Howe, Detroit, 42.
Assists—Howe, Detroit, 39.
Shutouts—McNeil, Montreal; Lumley, Toronto, 9.
Penalties—Lindsay, Detroit; Flaman, Toronto, 102 minutes.

	G.	A.	Pts.
Howe, Detroit	42	39	81
Lindsay, Detroit	25	35	60
Richard, Montreal	23	31	54
Hergesheimer, N.Y.	26	27	53
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