

## In This Corner

By DICK AYRES

It's a sad state of affairs when basketball fans leave the Civic Centre asserting that the Inter-A games are superior to the senior league's efforts. It's a matter for much thought when one considers what the reaction of the Senior B players would be if the Inter-A games were given top billing on the bi-weekly cage schedules. But if the mediocre effort of Saturday night is repeated too often, such a change could well happen.

Naturally we're not pointing the finger of scorn at CCC 300 Club, who, with six players did their level best and won. Since Manson's Omegas are sailing along undefeated the onus lies on last year's champions Gordon & Andersons.

Okay, says the G & A fan, "why pick on the guys while they're down. They're doing their best under the circumstances."

Under what circumstances? No one can tell us, and have us believe, that there's not something wrong when five or six truly experienced basketball players can't click better than they have been. We have no intention of crucifying the G & A's new coach, Minor Simundsen. Simundsen nor anyone else can work miracles nor could he have passed along the magic word that would have enabled the Gordon and Anderson squad to sink at least 50 per cent more of the free shots they muffed Saturday night. We'll not undignify this column or basketball by suggesting that the players were not "giving their best" because they weren't satisfied with their coach. That leaves "condition," which covers a multitude of sins.

Are the G & A boys still out of shape after four games and all the pre-season training? Or are some of the former champions, not all by any means, just not "in condition" to play when they take the floor? Let's quit kidding ourselves. Getting in shape and staying in shape, for any sport, whether it be basketball, boxing, soccer, lacrosse or hockey depends on ensuring that the body is sound of wind and limb and the head and mind clear. What players do before and after a game is strictly their own business but it can have a great effect on their performances. If they are not training as they should then they are letting down themselves, their coach, their sponsors and most of all the public.

Before some indignant readers ask us "what are you trying to do, play God?" we'll say this much. No, we're not. We're just trying to point out that people pay good money to see basketball which they hope will be just as good. When two teams out of three are going all out, and the third, with some of the best basketball talent this town has ever seen on its roster, is lagging to the extent it is, something is funny. But it's not funny enough to raise a laugh.

We got a raking over the coals the other night from a Scotsman for using the word "shut-out" in regard to a curling victory. When we said that the object was to win the game he stoutly declared that in curling one doesn't try for shutouts.

" Oftentimes," he said, "we are willing to give away a point or two to win the next end."

That of course brought a laugh of derision as anyone knows that a Scot won't give away anything let alone a point.

**POST SCRIPTS**—Sad sight Saturday night during the Inter-A game was coach Don Hartwig sobbing against the gymnasium wall as the ball on a shot by Ron Ciccone ran completely around the rim and still failed to go in. Dream shot of the Inter-A game was made by Art Helin who took a rebound while he was still in the air and with a flick of his hand and no wasted motion made sure it sank the second time. Referee Vern Ciccone who mentioned casually before game-time that he'd never had to change a decision, found himself doing just that a short time later when a foul was committed on a scorer and he first ruled that the basket didn't count. Sidelight of the Senior B game was Jimmy Flewin on the G & A bench exhorting the referees to impose a profanity penalty on an incensed CCC player about five minutes after a G & A player had loudly taken the Lord's name in vain.

## NHL Goal-Scoring Drops Off

MONTREAL (C)—The defences are stronger and the goalies more eagle-eyed or else the National Hockey League marksmen are getting slightly fuzzy ideas as to the general whereabouts of the net.

So far this season there has been an average of 4.23 goals a game. At the same stage last season the average was 5.47.

Every team except Boston has fallen off. The most surprising decline is that of Detroit Red Wings, from a 3.44 average to 2.37.

The cellar-dwelling Chicago Black Hawks, who were flying high this time last year, have suffered the worst reverse, from 2.96 to 1.68.

Toronto has dropped from 2.84 to 2.15, Montreal from 2.82 to

2.32 and New York Rangers from 2.12 to 2.00.

The leaders:

Team	G.	A.	Pts.
Howe, Detroit	7	17	24
Lindsay, Detroit	6	15	21
Coffey, Montreal	9	9	19
Sloan, Toronto	4	1	18
Reibel, Detroit	5	12	17
Sandora, Boston	4	12	16
Chasby, Chicago	7	7	14
Pierson, Boston	7	7	14
Richard, Montreal	6	4	13
Lich, Montreal	1	11	12
Watson, Toronto	7	4	11
Kelly, Detroit	6	5	11
Hergesheimer, N.Y.	6	5	11
Mosienko, Chicago	5	6	11

Team	W	L	T	P	A	Pts.
Montreal	13	7	2	5	42	28
Detroit	10	4	5	45	28	25
Toronto	10	5	5	43	29	25
Boston	8	6	4	40	39	20
New York	3	11	3	38	55	13
Chicago	3	16	3	37	61	9

## Lions Officials Jubilant As Ticket Sales Boom

VANCOUVER (CP)—Don't look now, but that animal roaring in the backfield is a Lion, British Columbia variety.

Jubilant officials of B.C.'s 1954 entry in the Western Interprovincial Football Union worked late Monday night, running their fingers through stacks of nice green money and sheafs of pretty orange season-ticket application blanks.

When they went home, they'd entered the details of 3,500 applications for season tickets in the books, after only a week's sale to members and one day's sale to the public.

There's a reason for the jubilation, of course.

In February, 1953, when officials of the other four WIFU teams somewhat reluctantly let B.C. enter the loop, they set three conditions:

One was an audited statement showing the pre-season sale of 6,500 season tickets. Three thousand, five hundred down, 3,000 to go.

Two was the guarantee of a stadium seating 15,000 persons. Lions' home will be the British Empire stadium, now being built, which will seat 25,000.

Three was contracts with the four clubs regarding arrangements for meeting added travel costs with Lions in the league.

Done, with Edmonton, Calgary and Regina; Winnipeg waived the agreement.

As coach Annis Stukus put it a short while ago:

"We have been handed the toughest assignment ever handed a professional football club.

"No club, before, since, or, I hope, in the dim, dim future, has been charged with the task of obtaining a huge block of season tickets nearly a full year in advance.

"They (meaning principally Winnipeg, with an assist from Regina) placed this condition in the agreement in the fiendish

belief that we would be unable to fulfill it.

"We're selling tickets with nothing but a promise of good football to sell. Until we get our full vote in the WIFU late in January, when we produce our 6,500 ticket sales, we can't legally divulge any player deals, or even suggest that we're contacting a terrific potential roster."

But the measure of the success of the Stukus selling job since he arrived here seven months ago is the ticket sale.

For one week about 1,900 club members, who shelled out \$20 to join, got first choice at the tickets at \$25 for eight home games.

Monday, they opened the doors at \$28 for eight pastebords.

Membership now stands at 2,300 with a 3,000 limit.

Selling success is nothing new to Stuke. He did the same for Edmonton, building the club to a western finalist in two years after Edmonton was out of action for 10 years. He also made the finals the next year, in 1951, and practically the same club went to the Grey Cup classic in 1952 under coach Frank Filchock, now at Regina.

## Giardello Wins Over Portuguez

BROOKLYN (AP)—Joey Giardello, third-ranking middle-weight contender from Philadelphia, Monday night won a unanimous 10-round decision over Tuzo Kid Portuguez of Costa Rica in a rough, foul-packed scrap at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Giardello weighed 160, Portuguez, 161.

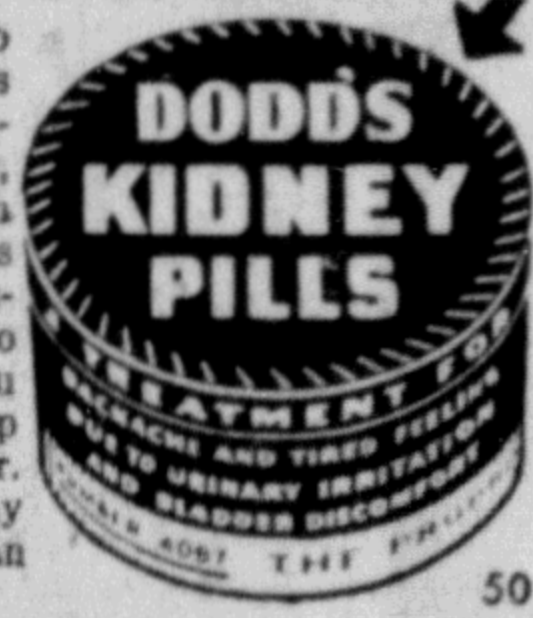
## Curling Results

Results in Ladies' Curling Club Columbia Cellulose trophy competition last night were: 7 p.m.—Johnson 6, McKenzie 7; Anderson 7, Bateman 10; Crossley, 8, McBroom 6. 9 p.m.—Schlman 8, Willson 14; Shier 14, Turner 4; McLeod 13, Ramsay 4. Draw for Wednesday games at 2:30 p.m. Moore vs. Lewis; Wilkins vs. Wakley; Hamilton vs. Partridge.

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## Ezakis Take Major Honors In Mixed Loop

The Ezaki family of Windy '6' took top honors in Group 1 of league last week with Yuri collecting ladies' high single and high triple when she rolled 242 and 579. In the men's section Terry Ezaki rolled 283 and 766 to take men's single and high three-game.

Windy '6' also took team honors with a high single of 1147 and a high three of 3318.

In Group 2 Peggy Thompson of Fashion Footwear won ladies high single with a score of 277 and Agnes Pierce of Fashion took ladies high three with 648. Cliff Silversides of Esquire's captured men's high single when he rolled 291 and George Goodwin of Orphans scored 741 for men's high three. Fashion Footwear took team honors with a high single of 1274 and a high triple of 3516.

Results:  
Group 1  
Windy '6' 4, Whalen's Lucky Six 0; Hills Shoe Store 4, High Green 0; Thom Sheet Metal 4, Bob Parker 0; Northern Glass 3, Huns 1; Chais 2, Harold's 2; Eby & Sons 2, High Gold 2.  
Group 2  
Pushovers 4, Daily News 0; Orphans 3, Canada Life 1; Fashion Footwear 3, Mixups 1; Shenton's 3, Hi-Jackers 1; Esquire Men's Wear 3. Headpinners 1; Shamrocks 3, Fowling & Ruttle 1.

The forests are our best asset.

## Omegas, CCC Meet Tonight

With a three-game win streak going Manson's Omegas try for their fourth straight victory tonight when they meet CCC 300 Club in a regular Senior B basketball game at the Civic Centre.

The pulp millers with a one loss record are out for their third win. In their last meeting with the Omegas the millers were shaded by a scant 4 points.

In the Inter A loop, Watts & Nickersons seek their first win of the season when they come up against the league-leading North Star Bottlers who have collected three wins in as many starts.

Two-time winners Manson's of the Inter B circuit tangle with Sunrise Grocery who have one win and one loss chalked up.

### LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

By The Associated Press

Providence, R.I.—Willie Troy, 161 1/2, Washington, D.C., stopped Charlie Williams, 159, Newark, N.J., 8.

Salt Lake City—Garth Panther, 159, Salt Lake City, stopped Grover Jackson, 165, San Francisco, 4.

Syracuse, N.Y.—Joe Rindone, 165, Boston, stopped Joey de John 165, Buffalo, 2.

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With the 10th Destroyer flotilla late in '43, engaged in offensive patrols against enemy destroyers and E-boats in the English Channel and along the French coast.

On April 26, 1944, with sister-ship, the original HMCS Athabaskan, and units of the Royal Navy, engaged German Elbing class destroyers in the Channel. One enemy ship was destroyed, two badly damaged. Three nights later, drove enemy destroyer on rocks in flames.

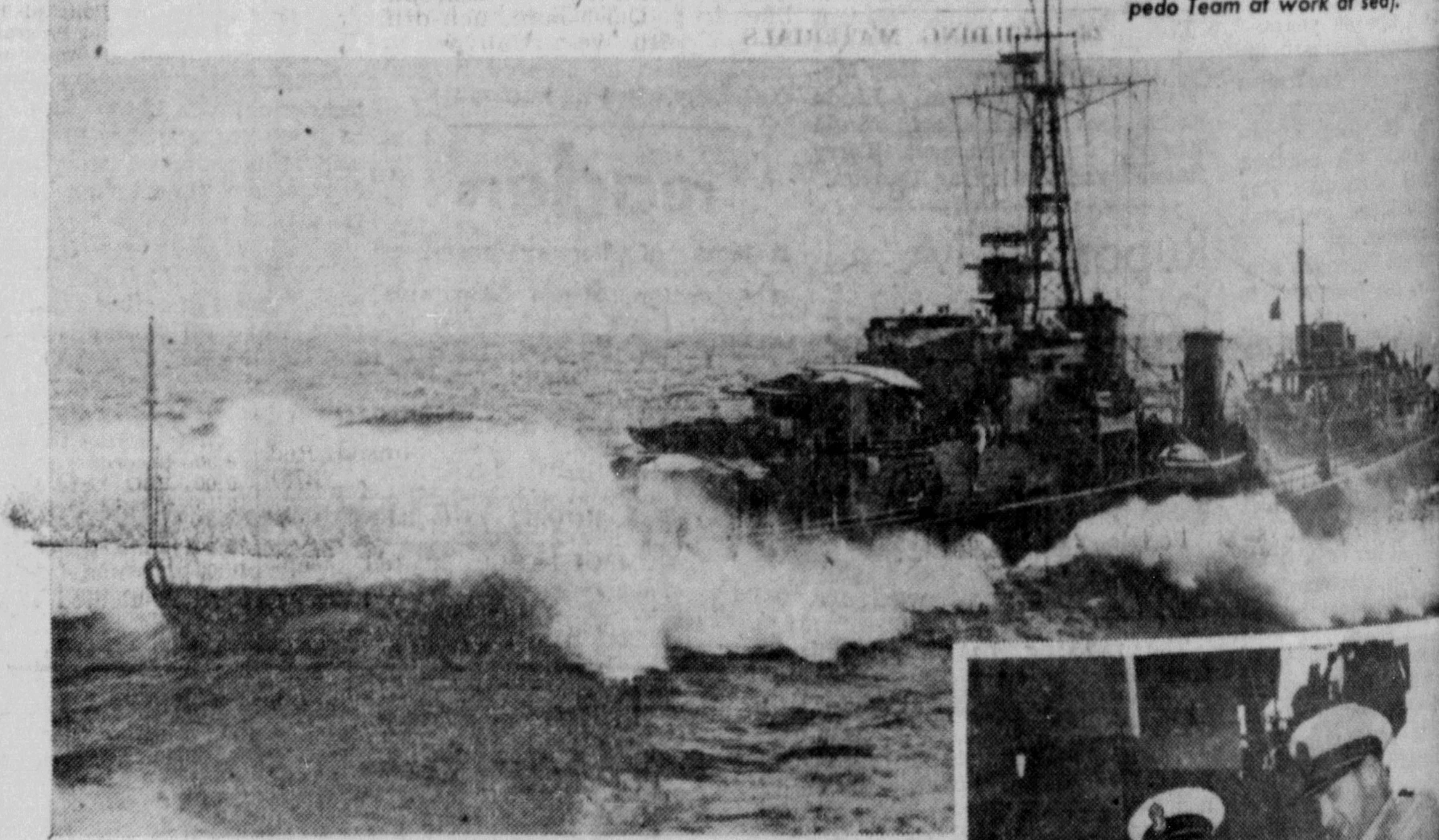
Figured, as well, in the destruction of a German submarine escorted allied convoys on Murmansk run... participated in D-day action... and after V-E Day took part in the liberation of Norwegian ports and removal of defeated German cruisers from Copenhagen.

Back on Canada's east coast in 1947, took part in training of RCN naval reservists. Next year, with other major RCN units, took part in first RCN Training cruise to Arctic waters... up to Labrador coast, along Hudson Strait and down to Churchill in Hudson Bay.

In '49, off Bermuda, rescued 18 survivors of a crashed United States B-29.

In 1952 crossed to Europe with the RCN's aircraft carrier HMCS Magnificent... and on September 27, 1952, left Halifax for her first tour of duty with the United Nations fleet in Korean waters. Returned to Canada in July. During 10 month tour, Haida qualified three times as a member of The Train Busters' Club, having destroyed that many trains on the North Korean coastal railway line.

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