

The DAILY NEWS SPORTS

WHERE GOOD FRIENDS PART

Who's Most Important Man on Curling Rink Still Unsettled

A question seldom settled among the besom and stane disciples is: "Who is the most important man on a curling rink?" Legion are the claims for the right answer, but with few friendships have been broken in the friendly sport. Here is view of the sports editor of Kelowna Courier answering the question—a view that still leaves the question as unsettled as ever.

THE SKIP is the most important man on the rink. He is noted for his modesty. If cornered, he will admit that his strategy is comparable to that of Caesar, Napoleon, and Alexander the Great combined. His only regret is that the three pinheads on his rink are unable to perform the intricate manoeuvres that he has planned for them. He never misses the broom, never gets the wrong turn, and the only reason he doesn't win every end is that those bunglers ahead of him make it impossible for him to get a fair chance. He, however, in public at least, is a model of patience and good sportsmanship. Privately he is very thankful that he is not as stupid as three other people he could mention. In the long history of curling no skip ever did anything wrong.

THE THIRD MAN is the most important man on the rink. It is only because he is sorry for the skip that he stays with him. After all, what other third man would put up with the stupidity of a skip, such as he has. He is a prince of good fellows who is sacrificing his own ambition just to teach "Old Sawdust-Head" a little bit about strategy. Surely, surely the other members of the club realize that he is the one who is "holding the skip up." It is perhaps unfortunate that the second and lead are both such hopeless curlers. However, he must be polite and listen to them even though he never has any intention of looking for merit in their suggestions. Oh, well, maybe next year he'll get a rink of his own if he can only find three other curlers with just a little intelligence.

THE SECOND is the most important man on the rink. What a pity it is that he is stuck on a rink with three "jerks." He can do anything in curling better than either the third or skip but their unreasonable jealousy has been the cause of his being left at second rock instead of taking charge of the rink. Why can't the third and skip see that, if they put him skipping, they would profit in the long run since he would teach them the fine points of the game. Too bad, too, that the lead is so thick-headed that he wouldn't listen, watch and learn how to become a really great curler. How in the name of Heaven did he ever

get roped in to curling with these morons?

THE LEAD is the most important man on the rink. He is perhaps unfortunate to be on a rink that isn't going anywhere—and the reason is plain. One man can't compete against the other team and his own as well. Perhaps he could pull them out of the fire if they'd only listen to him. After all, he has played ten games and in the five hundredth game the procedure will be the same. He saw what was wrong the very first game he played with these mugs. Influence counts here. He could see that from the way the others looked at him when he showed his independence by throwing an in-turn when the skip asked for an out. When will that skip learn that the only way to knock a rock out is to fire straight at it instead of at a broom that is three feet away from it? Why did he ever waste the membership fee? They should pay him to play with this outfit.

on the ALLEYS

Overriding all scores in the **Ladies' Bowling League** Tuesday was **Bertha Dunbar** of Lucky Strikes in A Division, with single and total of 319 and 772. In B Division **Leah McKay**, of McKays, bowled 291 and 680 for high scores in her group.

Second "third" of the league was won by **Lyons** in A Division and by **Mansons** of B Division. League now enters its last lap before the playdowns.

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National Puck League Tightening up; Battle For Play-off Spots

Canadiens Down Boston—Lowly Black Hawks Slap Down Leafs

MONTREAL (Canadian Press)—Montreal Canadiens moved into a second-place tie with Toronto Maple Leafs and Boston Bruins closed to within one point of the fourth-place New York Rangers as a result of Thursday night's National Hockey League games.

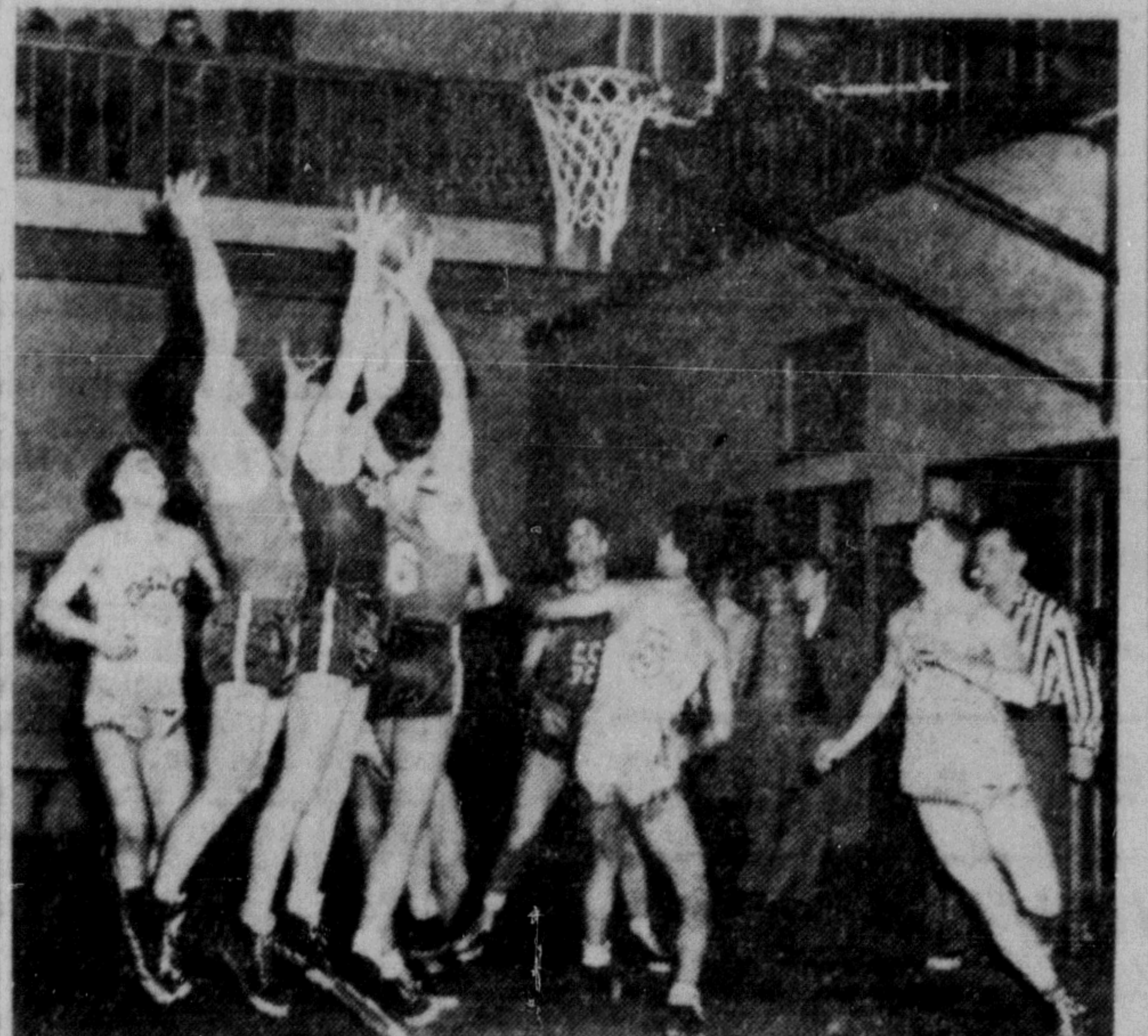
Montreal came from behind to earn a 3-3 tie with Boston while the lowly Chicago Black Hawks slapped down the Leafs 5 to 1. Two third period goals enabled the Canadiens to tie with Boston before 14,301 fans in Montreal. The single point gained in the tie was important for the Bruins in their drive for the fourth and last play-off spot.

The Hawks took a 3 to 0 first period lead and proceeded from there to their win over Toronto.

Bill Mosenko scored twice along the way. Mosenko's second goal of the night came in 14:07 of the third period after he had hit earlier in the first heat.

Two fights in a hotly contested game resulted in major penalties to rookie Red Hucul of Chicago and Hugh Bolton of the Maple Leafs as well as misconducts to Bill Juzda of the Leafs and Rags Raglan of the Hawks.

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SCRAMBLE UNDER the hoop shows pulp mill cagers' height advantage as they go in the air for the rebound. Shown left to right are Bill Morrison (4), Rainmakers; Marshall, George and Steve Dumas, CCC 300; Roddy Taft (5) and Simonson (8) Rainmakers. Referee Davidson is in the background.

Civic Centre Loses Again

The Civic Centre Arrows took one of their toughest defeats Thursday as King Edward managed to win 26-17 in the Pee Wee Basketball League Thursday night.

Spectators saw the Arrows play some of their finest ball until and including the third quarter but the final quarter was disastrous as King Edward went ahead and added eight more points to their score while the Arrows had only an addition of two to their credit.

Though their playing was not up to par the King Edward team led their opponents throughout the game. Quarter time scores were 8-2, 13-9, 18-15 and 26-17.

Sid Johnson, taking advantage of his height and accurate shooting, was high man for the winners while Fleming was the Arrows high scorer with seven points.

The fouls, fourteen in number, were equally divided between the teams.

Scoring: King Edward — Stewart 2, Pierce, F. Johnson 5, Lambie 4, McIntosh 5, Hodgkinson 2, White, E. Johnson 8. Total—26.

Crucial Game in Olympic Hockey

OSLO.—Canada meets Sweden today in what may be the turning point game in Olympic hockey. Both teams, so far, have two victories to their credit with no defeats.

Yesterday, Sweden defeated United States 4 to 2. Canada (Edmonton Mercurys) won over Switzerland.

Hockey Scores

National
Montreal 3, Boston 3
Chicago 5, Toronto 1

Pacific Coast
Edmonton 2, Calgary 5

Okanagan
Kelowna 3, Vernon 2
(Kelowna wins best-of-five semi-final 3-0).

Western International
Spokane 2, Kimberley 2 (overtime tie).

Arrows—Leeman 2, Warner, Halvorson 6, Fleming 7, Lande, Strand, Gurney, Sykes 2, Nordene. Total—17.

—By Alan Davidson.

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