



IN THIS CORNER

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Few people realize the amount of guts it takes to enter a boxing tournament. Fewer folks really know what goes on at a big tourney that lasts two days and continues until midnight on both of them. The mental wear and tear on a fighter before he gets into the ring is enough to beat a boy or man before he even climbs through the ropes. Sometimes it has beaten them, just as like Maxie Baer was a gone goose before he even touched gloves with Joe Lewis. An amateur boxer in a big meet has to go into the ring with the express purpose of beating another lad of whom he's often never heard, never seen and doesn't know whether he's a slugger, fancy Dan, a bit of both or a killer. His opponent might have a punch like a sledge hammer, or a right like a cream puff. These things have to be found out after the referee says "Shake hands and come out fighting." The young boxer has less than two minutes in which to figure out his opponent, decide on a solution and carry out a plan of action. If he doesn't, his adversary will do it for him.

That's why it always pains us when some wiseacre says "What? they only fight three rounds? What kind of a fight is that?" And that's why we usually snarl that it's the toughest kind of fight you can have. In a ten-round fight a professional fighter can pace himself, take his time to plot his fight, keep away from the other guy if the going gets tough. The amateur boxer on the other hand, is taking part in a series of sprints. He has to get right in from the opening bell and fight for three three-minute rounds at top speed never backing up, never giving any quarter until the final bell sounds. That same nine minutes can see a boxer punch his way to victory or be pounded into oblivion. There's no coasting, no stalling — just punching, blocking, dodging, weaving and punching some more until the bell ends it all.

Then, if it's been a close fight, comes the worst part of all—waiting for the decision. How did the judges see it? Did they give the other guy points for blows that landed on the arms? Could they see the times the other guy took those left jabs? Then, it's either the relieving exhilaration of victory or the crushing weight of defeat.

And the joker in the whole deck is, that the lads that do this, enjoy it. They like fighting, not because of any sadistic lust for beating another man, but because it's a good sport. It's one of the oldest sports, (dating back to the Greeks) and a game where a man has only himself to blame for his mistakes or take pride in for his accomplishments.

We were a little sad yesterday talking to Prince Rupert's 1954 Golden Gloves middleweight champion Andy Marshall because he's a champion too late and too far away. At 28, with a wife and three children, Andy can't turn pro even if he wanted to. You've got to be young, go up the ladder fast and stay up there for a considerable period to make a successful pro. Otherwise it's not worth it, nor is it healthy. In fact, with only one or two fights a year available, it would be quite understand-

able if Andy was wondering whether fighting as an amateur out of Prince Rupert were worth it. Getting up off the floor from a wicked blow, in a rugged fight and winning and then going on to win two more fights takes a lot of doing. But Andy did it. He did it because he likes fighting, because he didn't want to disappoint the folks in Prince Rupert who have helped him and because he was convinced that he had what it takes to be the better man. Prince Rupert should tip its hat to Andy Marshall as a man who not only has a magnificent fighting body, but one who has a king-sized fighting heart.

At the same time, don't let any chump who doesn't know any better, think that young Bill Morrison and Billy Tuschy didn't do their best. It's mighty tough coming home to face both friends and critics, after losing a fight. It's hard to be able to explain matters factually without giving any excuses that would rob the other guy of the credit he deserves.

From what Andy tells us Mouse Morrison fought a pretty experienced lad who was determined that he wasn't going to be laid low as Bill's other opponents were. Bill did his best, was outpointed and just didn't get the nod. Billy Tuschy on the other hand was defeated on Friday night but in being outpointed by David Jacobs gave his opposition such a working over that the doctor advised him against continuing in the tournament. Billy was chosen to fight in his place and came up against a rough customer named Bill Adams who TKO'd him in the second round. However, rough as he was Adams met his Waterloo at the hands of a lad named Jimmy Walters, who was voted Golden Boy runner-up. In a sensational second round Adams and Walters both swung rights, and floored each other. Adams was first on his feet but Walters knocked him off them. Adams responded by downing Walters and Walters had to knock out Adams to keep him down. That's the sort of competition Billy was up against in the lightweight class and he's only had about four fights. Amateur boxing with its three-round fights is no picnic. They play for keeps just like the pros only they play faster.

POST SCRIPTS — Bill Stone, named Golden Boy most scientific boxer of tourney in winning the 156-pound class is the same lad that Prince Rupert's Chuck Place knocked out two years ago when he was a lightweight. From what we're told he earned his award in winning the 156-pound title. Barney Ross, former world heavyweight champ only refereed one fight in the Gloves, on Friday night, but showed lots of fast footwork and watched the boys pretty closely. East York Lyndhursts may be the last Canadian representative in the world hockey tournament. President W. B. George of the CAHA said over the weekend that he plans to submit a report to the association at its annual meeting in May in unfavorable press and public reaction to the club. Tomorrow we'll throw in our two-bits' worth on the subject of Russia's resounding win to take the world title.

Prince Rupert Trapshooters Repel Challenge From Terrace

Prince Rupert marksmen outpointed members of the Terrace Rod and Gun Club 78 to 88 in a challenge match here Saturday afternoon.

Prince Rupert also took top individual honors with Ray Montgomery defeating teammate Bill Wood on a second shoot-off.

The Terrace team, which offered the challenge at the Rupert Rod and Gun club's annual dinner Friday night, included Williams, Strang, Ellison, Lambly and Matthews. Rupert marksmen were Dom Dominato, Ray Montgomery, Tommy Boulter, Earl Becker and Dick Paul.

Lucky prize was won by Earl Becker and consolation prize by Bill Nesbitt.

At the dinner in the Legion hall Friday night, attended by about 140 members and guests, Inspector Bill Gill and Jim Hatter, game commission biologist were guest speakers.

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ANDY MARSHALL OF PRINCE RUPERT, who retained his middleweight crown in the 1954 Golden Gloves in Vancouver last weekend, is shown standing over Canadian champion Trent Ketchison after what was described as the best bout in Golden Gloves history. The third round kyo came after Marshall had been downed in the second round and staged a comeback to floor Ketchison three times in the final round. The Prince Rupert fighter went on to win two more fights on Saturday night.

Senior B Cage Finals Under Way Tonight

Columbia Cellulose 300 Club basketball team goes into the first game of the Senior B finals tonight with one dice loaded against them when they take on Manson's Omegas in a best-three-out-of-five series.

Manson's who won the Senior B league championship have a hard core of veteran players who played practically the entire season without missing a game and with little substitution time. CCC in seven meetings with Omegas during the league play, and plagued by injuries and a diminishing squad failed to beat the league leaders in any of the seven games.

At the same time, CCC has just finished polishing off a

Gordon and Anderson team bolstered by Inter A players. Not known for giving up easily, the CCC nucleus of Sid and Don Scherk, Freddy Christensen, Bill Sunberg and Howard Marshall is not going to go down to defeat easily.

Other exciting games slated for tonight sees the last game of a two-out-of-three series between Watts and Nickerson and Fraser and Payne in the Inter A semi-finals. Each team has won one game each. The same situation exists in the Inter B semi-finals between General Motors and Nelson Brothers and tonight's games will settle which teams plays North Star Bottlers in the Inter A and Manson's in the Inter B.

Plenty of Little Leaguers Few Parents See Film Show

Keen disappointment at the few parents that showed up at the Prince Rupert Little League baseball association's film showing at the Civic Centre last night was voiced by past president Art Williamson.

Between 130 and 150 Little Leaguers and potential Pony League players turned out to see "Little League Baseball Basics" and "This is Little League" two films which showed the value and training of the international system.

Introduced to the boys were representatives of the sponsors of the four teams slated to take part in the 1954 Little League in Prince Rupert. The four men, John Weston of Edward Lippsett Ltd. Ed Garner of the North Star Bottling Works, Al Sheardown of Super-Valu and Bill Dyer of the Kinsmen Club, all pledged support of the official Little League.

Also introduced was Johnny Rosedale, who with Mr. Weston has conducted a pitching and catching school at the Civic Centre for the young baseballers

this winter. Mr. Williamson said that due to the lack of interest shown by parents plans for an unofficial Pony league have not yet been formulated.

"Unless active response is forthcoming right away the proposed Pony League will not materialize," he said. He urged that all those who are interested in seeing that this "wonderful plan" doesn't die before it gets started contact Harry Lewis.

By way of contrast 30 boys had already signed up to play in the Pony league. The only thing lacking, Mr. Williamson said, was leaders.

An open meeting of the Little League baseball association will be held Thursday night at 8 in the Civic Centre, when organizational plans, and committees to run the Little League this summer will be completed. All parents and interested persons are invited to attend.

Packers Take One Game Lead In OSHL Semis

Kelowna Packers have taken the big lead in the Okanagan Senior Hockey League playoffs.

The Packers are one game up in their best-of-five semi-final series by virtue of a 4-2 overtime win over Kamloops Elks in the opener Monday night.

Elks broke into the scoring column first with a goal early in the second frame. They went ahead 2-0 early in the third before Kelowna came back to tie it up and force the overtime period.

Don Slater and playing-coach Ken Ullott talked for Elks. Ken Amundrud with two, Joe Connors, and Jack Kirk did the honors for Kelowna.

Referees George Cullen and Neil Nelson handed out 17 penalties in the rugged tilt. Mike Amundrud picked up a major and a 10-minute misconduct after he battled with John Millard.

Packers' Bill McCulley, who joined the team in mid-season after playing with Trail, turned in a sensational performance.

The youthful forward sparked the tying Kelowna goal and skated hard both ways.

Vernon Canadians and Penticton V's open their semi-final series tonight and Kamloops and Kelowna resume their feud Wednesday.

Semi-finals in the Western International League get under way tonight. Nelson Maple Leafs entertain Trail Smoke Eaters and Spokane Flyers travel to Kimberley. Both are best-of-five series.

New Canadians are welcomed by the Canadian Red Cross at port nurseries in Saint John and Halifax.

Canadian Amateur Hockey Moguls Blame For Canada's Trouncing by Moscow Dynamos

By The Canadian Press
The Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, perhaps as was to be expected, has come in for a bit of a roasting at the hands of some of Canada's sports columnists.

The writers, commenting on Canada's 7-2 defeat by Russia in the world hockey championships in Stockholm, didn't mind losing to a fast, powerful team like Moscow Dynamos. Their main complaint was that the CAHA didn't choose a stronger team than Toronto East York to represent Canada abroad.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

Toronto East York, an Ontario Senior B squad, has been under editorial fire both at home and abroad as not being representative of the country that has made hockey its leading sport. Nevertheless, East York ran up a string of victories in pre-tournament exhibition games in Europe and went undefeated through six games of the world tournament before bumping into the Dynamos.

Two sports columnists on morning papers had this to say: Harry Eisen, London Free Press:

"No one but the CAHA can be held responsible for Canada's defeat. The East York Lyndhursts were not strong enough to uphold Canada's prestige as a leading hockey nation. Unless Canada can send its best team into these so-called world hockey tournaments, the wisest course would be to pass them up."

Jack Howlett, St. John's, Nfld. Daily News:

"Canada thought she had the title in the bag before sailing, but this might wake her up for another year."

Columnists on evening papers had this to say: Steve Herder, St. John's Evening Telegram: "It should make future competition better."

Like Howlett, Herder took the view that Canada's entry was three or four individual stars, not an outstanding team. They agreed that in future a team should be chosen early in the fall and go through tough drills before entering the games.

TACTFUL LEADERS

Aubrey Keizer, Sydney, N.S., Post-Record:

"The CAHA in selecting clubs should also select some good, tactful team leaders. The Canadian hockey field is loaded with alleged team leaders who merely 'pop off.'"

PERHAPS BEST THING

Maurice Smith, Winnipeg Free Press:

"Perhaps the defeat of Canada by the Russians is the best thing that could have happened. At long last it may be the CAHA will wake up to the fact that if the Dominion is going to be represented at all in tournaments with other nations, it should be represented by nothing but the best."

"At the semi-annual meeting of the CAHA in Winnipeg early this year, George Dudley, secretary-manager of the CAHA, predicted to this corner that Russia

Thom and Lewis Meet in Finals

Ell Thom's rink and that of Myrtle Lewis battled their way to the finals of the Art Murray trophy competition at the Prince Rupert Ladies Curling club last night after a series of closely contested games.

In the 7 p.m. draw the Thom rink defeated the Elsie Anderson squad 8-6 and Ramsay downed Meg Schuman's crew 8-7 in an extra end.

In the semi-finals Thom beat Alma Bateaman's rink 10-3 and Lewis edged Jean Ramsay's quartette in an exciting game that was won by a measured rock.

The final will be played later this week, possibly Saturday.

would finish no better than fourth in the championship. Mr. Dudley's face must be even brighter today than the red flag of Russia."

Tommy Shields, Ottawa Citizen:

"No stones should be thrown at Lyndhursts. They were chosen for the trip and did their best but they did not make the grade and it follows that criticism will be directed at them."

"But with most Canadians, the feeling will prevail that Canada was let down by the CAHA in their selection of a world tournament team. . . . Canada should be represented by the best, or not represented at all."

SPECIAL TOURNAMENT TEAM

Scotty Melville, Regina Leader-Post:

"I cannot blame the CAHA for having to take what it can get. However, I have for some years submitted that teams of the calibre of Toronto Lyndhursts could be used to tour Europe and a crack senior team be flown over solely for the tournament. The matter of 10 days this would take would not interfere very much with either league or play-off commitments and would not prove too costly to the CAHA."

Hal Pawson, Edmonton Journal:

"Canada made its mistake when it stopped sending 'good' teams to Europe to quell complaints from that Continent that Canada's representatives were so powerful they were ruining international hockey. It is past the time when we should send a good senior-calibre club over and show them it is still our game."

Bill Westwick, Ottawa Journal:

"The Canadian Amateur Hockey Association can take a bow today for a masterpiece of stubbornness and blundering that netted them exactly what they deserved. . . . Canadian expatriates had given warnings 'that the class B Lyndhurst club would not do.' Once the Canadians were in Europe, the CAHA had 'back-tracked,' admitting it had not made a good choice. It 'rushed over four players, including a goalie, and it makes you wonder what the Russians

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