



Fortunes of Prince Rupert boxers will be in the hands of Maurice Bishop for the next six weeks while trainer Joe Ward, longtime pilot and coach of the local mittmen takes an RCMP course for the next month and a half. However, his valuable coaching won't be lost if Andy Marshall goes down to the elimination card on April 29 in Vancouver since Joe will be down there also.

Whether Andy goes down south for that particular card or not isn't known yet as Vancouver is slow to inform Prince Rupert on these matters and all information comes from the Vancouver dailies. The big-town boxing moguls may be saving Andy for the Vancouver Island eliminations, since they listed him last time as from Vancouver. If that should be the way it happens then Andy will be meeting Trent Ketcheson again and it will be a different Prince Rupert boy that the navy fighter will meet. What with the style Joe has instilled into him plus and added sharpness from Maurice, Andy should have all the answers when the two middleweights next tangle.

Told to stay out of the ring for his own good, this week was lightweight Chuck Place, a lad with a terrific punch, but with migraine headaches which cross him up at the wrong time. The headaches, brought on by misplaced vertebrae usually come from a jar or sudden movement, something that is inevitable with boxing.

That's what happened to Chuck April 3 when he was fighting the RCN's Nelson Lewis. He got tagged on the forehead just above the eyes and from then on couldn't see a thing. Rather than have this happen again, even in practice, Joe Ward has laid it down that boxing is out, as a sport for Chuck.

We could write another column pointing out that officials of governing bodies in sports just don't get up and howl at referees no matter how great an injustice has been done. But we won't.

What's the point. Some people just never learn. It's not that we are afraid of having irate mothers phone up to complain about us "being nasty" to Commissioner Slim Davidson, we can handle them without trouble. It's just that it's silly to keep beating our head against a brick wall.

We were asked by an altruist not to castigate "Slim" for standing up on the sidelines and howling in a manner unbecoming a commissioner, at Fred Calderoni for overlooking a most flagrant foul.

Said Calderoni, "I was beat, my nerves were shot. I'd already warned the high school that I'd walk off if they didn't quit riding the referees. It wouldn't have mattered who had stood up and shouted, I was ready to quit. So don't make anything of it. It was my fault."

So we said, "Okay Fred, we'll forget about it. We won't even mention it."

And we won't. We'll forget it even happened. We'll just hope that next season we get an active basketball commission that will have no favorites, won't care who wins or loses just so long as we get good basketball and will back up the referees.

But what we want to know is, how are you going to get a non-partisan representative from the high school?

What with basketball all wound up, the curlers having thrown the last rock and busy preparing the ice sheets for children's skating, it would seem that a sports doldrums is upon us. But not so.

Today in eight major United States cities approximately 200,000 baseball fans attended eight opening games in the two major leagues. In Washington, President Eisenhower threw out the first ball. It's the first time in years that all openers took place the same day and all games were played in daylight.

Hunched in the stands, loaded down with peanuts, popcorn, pop, a program, pencil, and a blanket if it was chilly, baseball enthusiasts were asking themselves and their neighbors the worrying questions: did Boston's Ted Williams' fractured collar bone and Milwaukee's Bobby Thompson's broken ankle settle the major league race last March? Can the Red Sox get along without their star slugger Williams and put an end to the New York Yankees' long reign in the American league? Can Cleveland finally do it after finishing second to the Yanks for three straight seasons? Can Milwaukee Braves continue their momentum and overtake the Brooklyn Dodgers despite the fact they will be without Thompson, their hard-hitting outfielder, for at least another month? Will the 38-year-old Enos Slaughter be just the insurance Casey Stengel needs to wrap up his sixth straight American league pennant? And what about the Baltimore Orioles who return to the majors after an absence of 51 years?

All the answers to these questions will start to take shape this week and in the ensuing weeks. No sir! things aren't going to be dull at all. Nor will they be on the home front, with the Senior baseballers set to go May 9 and Little League almost ready and Pony League with great hopes. But more on the local doings later in the week when the weather smartens up. If and when, that is.

Big Allan Cup Semi Tonight As Pentiction Squares Series

By The Canadian Press

Pentiction V's came back from the brink of elimination again Monday night to square their Western Canada Allan Cup semifinal series with Nelson Maple Leafs at 3-3, with one game tied. Both clubs will be out for the big one tonight when they come to grips in the Nelson arena in the eighth game of their best-of-seven series.

As usual, the Warwick brothers carried the puck last night as the V's squeezed out a 2-1 win over the Western International League champs.

Playing-coach Grant Warwick sank Pentiction's first goal in the first period when he let go with a hard low shot that left goalie Boomer Rodzinyak flat-footed. Two minutes later, with only 31 seconds remaining, Bill Warwick drove in a screened shot to give the Okanagan squad a 2-0 lead.

Nelson broke into the scoring column after six minutes of the second when veteran Willie Schmidt scored after taking a pass from Bill Haldane.

Fiery Bill Warwick staged a slugfest with some rabid fans in the closing minutes of the game. The fight started when a fan

grabbed Warwick's stick and another punched him on the head. A fan who was caught on the end of Warwick's stick received a bad cut over an eye.

As the teams left the ice at the end of the game, some fans tried to give Warwick a going over and several players began flailing away with their sticks.

Remember When

By The Canadian Press
Ken Doraty scored the winning goal after 164 minutes, 46 seconds of play, when Toronto defeated Boston Bruins 21 years ago at Toronto. Doraty's counter, the only goal of the game, won the league title for Toronto, who then lost to New York Rangers in the Stanley Cup playoffs. The record for the longest game was boosted to 176 minutes, 30 seconds, when Detroit beat Maroons at Montreal, March 24, 1936.

ANCIENT FEAST

First authentic mention of Dec. 23 as the date of Christ's birth was made by a Latin historian in 354 AD.

SNEAD BEATS HOGAN ONE UP FOR THIRD MASTERS TITLE

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Sam Snead gambled with the "graveyard of the Masters," the tortuous 13th hole, and beat Ben Hogan by a stroke in an 18-hole playoff for the Masters golf title Monday.

Snead won by a score of 70 to Hogan's 71 in a duel that carried right to the final green. They finished the regulation 72 holes Sunday with scores of 289, highest ever to win a Masters tournament. Par for the 6,800-yard course is 72.

The victory bracketed Snead with Jimmy Demaret as a three-time Masters winner. Hogan, too, was seeking his third Masters title and had hoped to become the first man ever to capture two in succession.

Gerry McNeil Vital Key In Habs' Last Chance

MONTREAL (AP)—Gerry McNeil, the smallest goalkeeper in the National Hockey League, essays the giant-killer role again tonight when Montreal Canadiens must once more shoot the works or hand over the Stanley Cup to the Detroit Red Wings.

The Montreal goalie, who chalked up two shutouts in the last three games of the 1953 Stanley Cup finals against Boston Bruins, is five feet seven inches high and weighs 155 pounds.

McNeil is in a spot dramatic and unenviable. Just a year ago he was shuffled out of the post-season series because of a bad case of nerves. He came back to steady Canadiens and help them along to hockey's big championship title.

Two months ago McNeil was put out of action in Chicago with an ankle injury. Jacques Plante, who took over from McNeil a year ago, was recalled from Buffalo. He was such a sensation that the job was his, McNeil looked on from the sidelines.

FOUR-STRAIGHT WIN

With Plante in the nets, Canadiens swept through to a four-straight win over Boston Bruins in the Stanley Cup semi-final. Canadiens broke even with the Red Wings in Detroit in the first two games of the final and then lost two games at home. Plante looked bad on a couple of goals.

By that time the Red Wings were leading 3-1 on games and the netminding job was again beckoning to McNeil. The decision to change goalies was a quick one. Coach Dick Irvin of Canadiens again went all out on applied psychology and something he calls the "unseen hand."

An hour out of Detroit as the hockey special train rolled along, Irvin said to McNeil: "I was just wondering if you would like to get your job back again."

"I certainly would," said McNeil. That ended the conversation. When McNeil walked into Canadiens' dressing-room Sunday night his equipment was all laid out. Plante's wasn't.

SENSATIONAL GAME

McNeil went into the nets and turned in a sensational game. Although two months out of competitive action, he blanked the Red Wings on into overtime until Ken Mosdell broke up the scoreless masterpiece of hockey with a backhand shot that streaked by goalie Terry Sawchuk. The goal gave Canadiens the hard-earned victory and cut Detroit's margin to 3-2.

Coach Tommy Ivan said yesterday he will send back his same NHL-titlists into tonight's game, with a minor variation. Gilles Dube, signed to a pro contract by Canadiens five years ago and now Detroit property, has been recalled from Sherbooke of the Quebec Hockey League. Dube may be called on for power plays, taking the place of rookie Earl (Dutch) Reibel who was injured in the fourth

game here Saturday. The last word from Irvin was that he will go with his same lineup. That would indicate Gaye Stewart, an experienced NHL player recalled from Buffalo, who turned in a useful game Sunday.

Rod & Gun Club To Start Work On New Clubhouse

Prince Rupert Rod and Gun club will start work this week-end clearing the site for a trap-shoot club house at the newly-acquired Lake Oliver grounds. The area across Highway 16 from Lake Oliver has recently been obtained by the local sportsmen as has the lake itself which also will be developed as a fly-casting pond and place where youngsters can catch fish under the legal limit.

Last week-end members of the club took part in a successful crowd shoot with Tommy Boulter Jr. and Dom Dominato knocking down 8 birds while Frank Parlett and Terry McNeice shot down four. Tommy Boulter Sr. and J. Gallant failed to kill a single crow.

Following the shoot a trap shooting competition was staged with Frank Allingham scoring top points and Jack Eby coming second.

The club has decided to send two trap-shooting teams to Terrace over the Easter week-end.

Dauphin Edges Weary Smokies

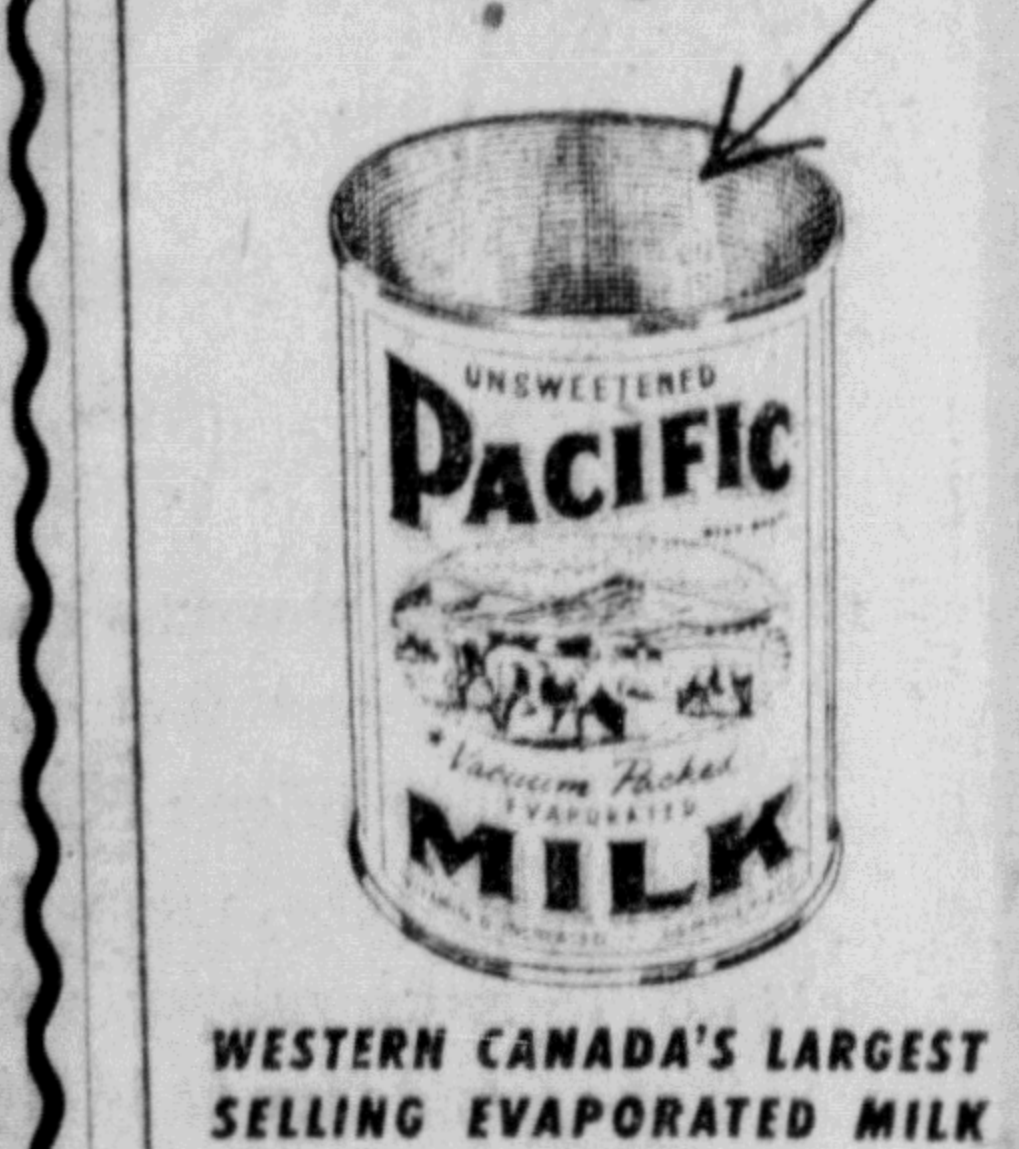
DAUPHIN (AP)—Dauphin Kings whipped in two unanswered goals in overtime Monday night to beat the travel-weary Trail Smoke Eaters 3-3 in the opening game of their best-of-seven series for the western Canada intermediate championship.

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Walls Gains Revenge With First Round KO

By JACK SULLIVAN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

TORONTO (CP)—Earl Walls, Canada's heavy-weight boxing champion, says he "hates fighting." But the 6,350 persons who saw him perform Monday night probably are wondering what would happen if he suddenly "liked" the game.

The 25-year-old Toronto Negro unleashed the most vicious two-fisted attack seen here in years when he knocked out Tommy Harrison of Los Angeles, Calif., at 2:36 of the first round of a scheduled 10-rounder. It was his 26th knockout in 35 professional fights and his 16th first-round KO.

Walls weighed 194½, and Harrison 183½.

RECORD GATE

It was sweet revenge for the 25-year-old Walls who lost a unanimous 10-round decision here Jan. 27 to Harrison. That time 14,737 persons paid a Toronto record gate of \$45,261 to see the battle while Monday night, with prices doubled at a range of \$10 to \$3, the gate was \$37,011.60.

Walls was 2-1 favorite for the first fight and the only charitable description of him after he lost was that he was a "game fighter." He twice got up from the floor in the fight and took a sound beating.

REMATCH DIFFERENT

The rematch was completely different. The fans had hardly been seated from a 10-minute stretch prior to the main bout when Walls rushed out of his corner at the bell and clipped Harrison with a looping right to

the temple. That started the slaughter.

He found the range with a hard left hook to the jaw and Harrison's knees buckled. He got up at the count of five and was belted from one corner of the ring to the other before he slumped down for keeps. The final knockdown also was on a left hook to the jaw.

"The boy is good," said Dan Florio, well-known New York trainer who was in Walls' corner. But Florio, who has handled Jersey Joe Walcott, Paddy Young, Joey Micelli and others in a career of about 30 years, refused to go out on a limb concerning Walls' prospects in the heavy ranks.

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Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press

BROOKLYN—Eduardo Lause, 160½, Argentina, defeated Jesse Turner, 159, St. Louis, 10.

SYDNEY, Australia—Marshall Clayton, 144, New Orleans, stopped Carl Coates, 137½, Baltimore, 12.

DETROIT—Toxie Hall, 193, Chicago, stopped Embrel Davidson, 210¾, Detroit, 7.

NEW ORLEANS—Willie Pastano, 158½, New Orleans, defeated Jacques Royer, 161½, France, 10.



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Rudderham, Sharpe Top 10-P
Bob Rudderham and Jean Sharpe both won double honors Sunday in the Mixed 10-pin league. Rudderham collected men's high single with 235 and then racked up a total of 600 for men's high three. Jean Sharpe rolled 183 for women's high triple and won women's high three with a score of 494. Team high single was Four Aces with 200 high three was Aces and Luckles with 1845. Other 200 games by Joe Giordano with Watson with 225 and pard with 200 and...

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