

Single Women Are Invited to Curling Club

To enable single women to become members of the Prince Rupert Ladies' Curling Club, a moderate initiation fee was set by the club executive meeting

Wednesday night. Yearly dues are to be set next year. Prospective members may obtain further information from Club President Mrs. Rae Johnson. Mrs. E. Boulter is in charge of the new members' committee. Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Neely Moore.

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In the WORLD of SPORT

Rupert Hoop Men Too Strong for Alaskans

Player Trips Paying Off

Teams That Travel Do
Better in British Soccer

LONDON. — The profitable double-barrelled policy of sending United States baseball stars on business-holiday sojourns to vitamin-packed sunshine territories now seems to be spreading with remarkable success to soccer in this country.

The Arsenal and Portsmouth spent last summer down among the nuts and coffee in Brazil. Today these two southern England sides are running neck and neck for first place in the national league race.

Rotherham United, now in the vanguard of Division Two race, played and basked in the sunshine of Malta, Wolverhampton Wanderers revelled under the blue South African skies and Blackpool and Bolton Wanderers enjoyed a bracing spell in the crisp clean air of Switzerland.

Going back a season or two, both Charlton Athletic and Manchester United have captured major honors in the English game in campaigns immediately following transatlantic trips where they enjoyed the delights of California and western Canada.

LEAGUE RACE TIGHT

The urge to be classified as "successful" may perhaps explain the extra tightness in the English league race at this particular time. A slender margin of four points covers the leading seven teams. At the identical period last season there was a nine-point gap between the top and seventh clubs. In each of the two seasons preceding that the margin was six.

It is also significant that unless a team is placed among the top four at the outset of January it is unlikely to top the poll at the end of the season on the first Saturday in May. There was an exception to this in 1949-50 when Portsmouth soared from fifth place to snatch the title from Wolverhampton Wanderers on goal average.

A look back to 1946 reveals that Liverpool sat in second place when the season entered its second half and the Merseysiders were champions at the end. Champions next season were the London glamor boys, The Arsenal. They led the way in January of that year. The next season champion Portsmouth poised in second place at

Challengers Sock Rockets In First Series Fixture

Challengers 66, Rockets 44

Although Prince Rupert Challengers shot below par last night, they still chalked up a gigantic lead over Ketchikan Rockets without difficulty in the first of three scheduled games in the international hoop series.

Seven stripped visiting Alaskans, who just had arrived by boat, held on to the first quarter but after that couldn't produce the goods.

At the end of the third quarter, in the face of a 13 point lead, Rockets acknowledged defeat. A last minute token rally gave them nine points to Challengers' 22 in the final period.

Rupe Holkestad led the way for the home team with 18 points, most of them sunk with his favorite hook shot. Even so, he, along with the rest of his team mates shot well below average percentage.

Little Manzoni, a fireball in the key, led the visitors with 13 points made mostly with sizzling hooks and pivot shots. He's the man that Rockets liked in the bucket but was given little support.

Erikson led the rear line, forcing all his team's play and came in to score 10 points with strong support from Brewer.

Coach Alex Bill had ten Challengers stripped, all of whom gained the floor. First half saw Micky Webster flop in some spectacular shots. Contrary to a forecast, Mathews did not make an appearance in the lineup.

Tonight's the second game of this series which was lined up on rather short notice. Rockets hope to do a little better tonight—that's if today's plane gets in from the south. Strongest man of their team—well-known Vin-

the time under review. Then there was the exception and at this present season if the rule is to be maintained the pennant holder should come from Manchester, United, Portsmouth, The Arsenal or Preston North End.

CAN PRESTON DO IT?

The appearance of Preston among those fancied four has set fans eagerly speculating on the prospect of "Proud Preston" emulating the feat of another two Lancashire sides. The feat accomplished by Liverpool in 1904-05 and 1905-06 and Everton a quarter of a century later was to win the Second Division and First Division pennants in successive seasons. Preston was promoted from Division Two at the end of 1950-51 and in recent weeks has been playing the grade of football that has made Prestonians proud.

Meanwhile, languishing at the bottom of Division One table is the London side Fulham. In an endeavor to restore the club's fortunes, Fulham purchased the suspended Charlie Mitten, one of the cleverest inside forwards in the game. His suspension was lifted on Jan. 1 and thus closed the Bogata episode.

Mitten, after touring U.S.A. with Manchester United a couple of seasons ago, was one of those professionals to accept what were understood to be substantial payments and lucrative posts with Bogata outfits which were then outside the jurisdiction of the International Football Federation. One by one the players have returned to England and after serving various terms of suspension have all been reinstated. Mitten, the last to return, is one who enjoyed his sunshine the hard way.

Snow Buries Hockey Team

Nobody Hurt in Experience
Of Vancouver Wheelers
In Snow Bank

CRANBROOK. — Forced off the highway by a snow plow, a bus carrying the Vancouver Wheelers amateur hockey team, was buried in a 25-foot snow-bank.

Driver and nineteen passengers escaped by smashing open an emergency exit near the rear of the vehicle and digging the snow away with their hands.

There were no injuries. The Pacific Coast Senior Amateur Hockey League team was enroute to Kimberley for a game with the Kimberley Dynamiters. The bus finally pulled clear of the drift and continued on its way.

Aboard the bus were fourteen hockey players, two drivers, three hockey fans and a Vancouver sports reporter.

Wings and Leafs Even

Draw in National Hockey—
Canadiens Down Chicago

DETROIT. — Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs played to a 2-all tie Thursday night to remain all even after ten National Hockey League games in their season series.

In the circuit's other game last night, Montreal Canadiens picked up a point on the second-place Leafs when they defeated the cellar-occupying Chicago Black Hawks 4 to 1.

Detroit and Toronto, bitter and evenly-matched rivals, each has won three games with four games tied. Each has scored a total of 22 goals.

In a bid to assume the edge, Toronto twice took the lead in a clash in Detroit before 15,102 fans, believed to be a record hockey attendance in Detroit for a week night.

A great Redwood tree in the Sequoia National Park in California, known as the "General Sherman tree," is estimated to be 3,500 years old.

Hockey Scores

National
Detroit 2, Toronto 2.
Montreal 4, Chicago 1.
Pacific Coast
Vancouver 2, Calgary 0.
Okanagan
Vernon 7, Kelowna 2.
Pacific Coast Amateur
Vancouver 4, Kimberley 3.

Roller Skating to Be Added At Civic Centre; Laying of New Maple Floor Approved

Roller skating and expenditure of \$5000 for a new hardwood floor in the Civic Centre auditorium were favored last night by a large majority of the Association's annual general meeting in spite of efforts by some members to talk down completely or delay further action.

Association executive was instructed by a motion from W. F. Stone to act immediately to get a new floor laid.

Although no estimate was given by Jack Stirn, secretary-manager, as to revenue possible from roller skating, he said a former roller rink here had netted \$500 a month on a six-day operation basis.

He cited as reasons for failure of other rinks in Prince Rupert ill-constructed buildings. A letter from a Nanaimo roller rink operator stated the venture should be profitable if owner operated, as would be the case here.

Mr. Stirn said skating would not interfere with regular programs in the auditorium, such as badminton, special concerts and stage productions.

A firm bid of \$3800 had been received, said President Dr. R. G. Large, for laying a first class maple floor.

OBJECTIONS

Objections were raised by Lionel Holtby, calling roller skating a "fly by night" affair. It would not last, he said, and also he considered the sport "too noisy" for which view he received support from C. G. Ham. T. Norton Youngs said he thought Mr. Stirn was "too optimistic" in revenue figures he presented.

Dr. Large felt that "not complete enough a picture" had been presented as to estimated revenue from such a project and suggested the matter be referred back to directors for further study.

Mr. Holtby sought to defer the subject for another year.

Mr. Stone said:

"Don't defer it. We need a new floor anyway and we are gambling only about \$2500 putting in a good floor while giving a lot of young folk pleasure." A round of applause received Mr. Stone's motion and other supporting comments.

Music will be supplied by recordings. More than 100 pairs

of skates were already in hand, said Mr. Stirn.

Executive was instructed by the board to bring in a report on skating rink plans within 30 days.

Selling of advertising space on gymnasium walls received majority approval as a source of revenue. George Dawes said he thought it might "cheapen the place," but most members approved the move. Directors will pass on type of advertising to be sold.

LONDON (CP)—Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh usually see about two moving pictures a week in the private cinema of their Clarence House residence. They are reported to have no particular favorites, their requests including musicals and westerns.

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