

In This Corner

By DICK AYRES

A communication we received this week advises us that fathers, husbands, brothers or boy-friends of any one of the 1,500 or so lady curlers in British Columbia might as well resign themselves to the fact that daughter, the "ball and chain," Sis or sweetie-pie are going to be among the absent this spring. The British Columbia Ladies' Curling association assures the Prince Rupert Ladies' Curling club that plans for the forthcoming Ladies' Curling championship are well underway. The biggest incentive of the 1953-54 season is the Eaton Western championship to be held in Edmonton March 15 to March 17. British Columbia will be represented for the first time by their provincial winner.

Each curling club may enter one rink for every 20 players in the Zone playoff and they will conduct a club playoff to decide which rinks are eligible. All club playoffs must be finished by January 15 and all Zone playoffs by February 15.

There will be six zones in the province each with a convener who will arrange the zone playoffs. Each zone winner will receive a specially designed crest. The Northern Zone which includes Prince Rupert, Smithers, Williams Lake and Prince George will be convenered by Mrs. Thelma Roine of Prince George. Other competing zones will be North Okanagan, South Okanagan, Kootenay, Coast and Vancouver Island. All Zone winners will meet in Vancouver February 20 to 23, 1954 for the first Eaton-sponsored Provincial Playoff. The prizes and trophy will be donated by the Eaton Company and they will also help with the entertainment. They will pay all expenses of the two rinks reaching the final including meals, hotel and fares. When the provincial finals are over the winning teams will have all their expenses paid to Edmonton where they will represent B.C. in the Western Curling championships. Included in the western finals will be Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. If any further information is required, the central secretary of the B.C. Ladies' Curling association, Mrs. A. B. Porter, 3814 West 38th Avenue, Vancouver, is the gal to write.

Six Prince Rupert boxers left for Terrace this afternoon to take part in a mitt card at the Civic Centre there tonight. Under trainer Joe Ward's wing will be 135-pound Chuck Place to fight, so far as we know an unknown Irish lad, Billy Tsuchiya, who weighs in around 130 pounds who will also exchange pleasantries with another lad from the Shamrock Isle. Just why the Prince Rupert boxing club, sponsored by the Civic Centre, hasn't had more details is still a mystery, but maybe that's the way Terrace works. When a guy steps into the ring, he likes to know beforehand (a) the weight of his opponent (b) an inkling of the experience he's had. It's not stretching a point to presume that a boxing promoter or trainer of another club could provide these interesting statistics without breaking his neck. However, two gents who are guaranteed to provide the Terrace crowd with some excitement are Bill (Mouse) Morrison, presently reigning B.C. heavy-weight champ and Andy Marshall last year's lightweight titleholder. These two muscular boys will "have at it" in an exhibition which usually ends up in something akin to a brawl. Anyway one thing is for sure Andy and Mouse will give the crowd its money's worth. Also travelling inland are Martin Saunders with his 80-pound son Billy and bantamweight Don Turcotte who will fight Terrace lads in the prelims.

POST SCRIPTS—Tonight local cage fans should see lanky Norm Rolin in action with Watts and Nickersons when the clothiers take on Terrace. Norm has had trouble making Manson's practices and has been dropped from the jewellers' roster for awhile down to Inter A. . . Frosty's of the Girls' loop shouldn't feel so badly now, after what Dom's did to Rainbirds last night. . . Fred Calderone is in receipt of a letter from the Canadian girls' basketball champions Vancouver Ellers who want to know whether they can play a Senior B girls' team here. Since such a meeting with any girls' squad here would be somewhat, er . . . er . . . shall we say . . . premature, we think that rather than pass the Ellers up we should have them play an Inter A men's team. Furthermore, we think that there wouldn't be much to choose between the two teams.

Dom's Slaughter Rainbirds 38-5; Sailors and Sports Shop Win

Betty Vegg with 14 points and Leona Webster with 12 led Don Scher's Dom's Department store quintette to a lop-sided 38-5 victory over Bo-Me-Hi Rainbirds in a scheduled Girls' league basketball game at the Civic Centre last night.

Up the Boys' Junior loop, Sea Cadets won their third game in three starts when they edged Ormes 23 to 21. Lugin paced the sailors with 7 points and Duncan scored 8 for the druggists. In the second Junior league fixture Sports Shop leaped into the league lead when they crushed NBC Power 33-13 to push the powerhouse gang into the loop cellar. Bows was the sportsman's top scorer with 10 points and Landie (eq) and Way scored 4 each for NEC.

LINEUPS:
JUNIOR LEAGUE
ORMES—Duncan 2, Leighton 7, Hodgkinson, McIntosh 4, Kelly, Chow, Reed, Leeman 2, Hewitt, Wong, Total 21.
SEA CADETS—Newfield 3, Lugin 7, Howell 4, Flood 3, Christoff 5, Total 28.
SPORTS SHOP—Bones 10, Fleming 3, Currie, Olson, Laird 2, Rensvald 4, B. Wong 2, Mah, S. Wong 6, Total 33.
NBC POWER—Kelsy, Stewart 2, Desautels 3, Way 4, Hargrove, Oliver, Landie 4, Funnottis, Total 13.
GIRLS' LEAGUE
DOM'S—Leak 5, Spence 4, Webster 12, Cloutier, Vegg 14, Total 38.
RAINBIRDS—Knutsen 4, Martin, Currie, Hansen 1, Selvig, Farmer, Carlson, Wood, Botrakoff, Jackson, Total 5.

Cook's Jewellers Draw Set With First Games Tonight

Tonight Prince Rupert Curling Club starts its second major series of the 1953-54 season with the first three games of the George Cook Jewellers competition. The rinks in the round-robin section for the contest have been distributed as follows:

A Section—Rudderham, Ford, McKenzie, Laurie, Miller, Parker, Ostertag.
B Section—Rowbotham, Georgeson, Turner, Petersen, Berg, Moore, Aston.

C Section—Robertson, Gordon, McNiece, Eyoifson, Wakley, Matthew, Bird.
D Section—Greene, Sieber, Thom, Warren, Meighen, Johnston, Shier.

Section E—Butterick, Holliston, Kellough, Garner, Stewart, Barbour.

Draw up to Dec. 23, after which play will be suspended until Jan. 4, 1954, is as follows:
Tuesday, Dec. 15—7 p.m., Miller vs. Parker; Greene vs. Sieber; McKenzie vs. Laurie, 9 p.m.—Berg vs. Moore; McNiece vs. Fowlson; Robertson vs. Gordon.

Wednesday, Dec. 16—7 p.m., Kellough vs. Gardner; Rudderham vs. Ford; Turner vs. Peterson, 9 p.m.—Thom vs. Warren; Stewart vs. Barbour; Butterick vs. Holliston.

Thursday, Dec. 17—7 p.m., Wakley vs. Bird; Berg vs. Georgeson; Meighen vs. Shier, 9 p.m.—Miller vs. Ostertag; Rowbotham vs. Aston; McKenzie vs. Parker.

Friday, Dec. 18—7 p.m., McNiece vs. Matthew; Thom vs. Johnston; Sieber vs. Warren, 9 p.m.—Kellough vs. Barbour; 7:15.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT—CIVIC CENTRE

INTER-B—6:15—Manson's vs Nelson Bros.
INTER-A—7:15—North Star vs Fraser & Payne
SENIOR B—8:15—CCC vs Gordon & Anderson
EXHIBITION—9:30—Terrace vs Watts & Nickerson

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They levied fines totalling \$375 on players involved in last Wednesday's Montreal-Toronto free-for-all and made it an even \$400 with a \$25 fine against Al Rolins for pushing referee Jack Mehlenbacher as the Hawks dropped a 5-3 decision to Montreal last Thursday.

Meanwhile the stage is set for another week-end of play.

Toronto fans will get a chance to celebrate Ted Kennedy's 28th birthday tonight as the Leafs entertain Chicago.

Detroit fans, awed by the news that the Red Wings haven't won a game in their last four, can be expected to turn up either for Boston Bruins' visit tonight or Montreal's appearance Sunday.

New York Rangers will be in Montreal tonight trying for their first victory at the Forum since February, 1950. Sunday they play host to Toronto while the Bruins visit the last-place Hawks.

Vancouver Canucks, Western Hockey League leaders most of the season, lost another chance Friday night to move again into a first-place tie when they dropped a 6-4 decision to last-place

Edmonton Flyers.

Some 4,000 fans saw Canucks lose their sixth consecutive game.

While Canucks were floundering, Victoria Cougars moved ahead on their home ice by skating to a 3-2 win over Seattle Bombers.

Tonight, Victoria visits New Westminster, Edmonton moves into Calgary and Vancouver tries on Saskatoon.

In the Okanagan Senior Amateur Hockey League Kamloops Elks walloped Kelowna Packers 9-4 and Penticton V's defeated Vernon Canadians 7-2.

In interior play tonight, Kamloops visits Kelowna and Penticton moves over to Vernon in the OSAHL.

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