

Only Three Rupert Rinks Left In Annual Smithers Bonspiel

By DICK AYRES
SMITHERS—Three Prince Rupert curling rinks remain in two of the three competitions featured in the 28th annual Smithers bonspiel which ends today.

George Dibb's crew are still fighting it out in the Haggie cafe trophy event and also the Bulkley Hotel trophy event.

At Miller's quartet and that of Ken Robertson are also in the Bulkley event and may meet each other before the contest is completed.

The Bonspiel is no longer a game of skill as the temperature which rose to 40 degrees Saturday morning still hovered far above freezing Sunday. Experienced curlers termed the bonspiel merely an endurance contest, a game of bull strength needed to get the rocks over the hog line and into the house.

A halt to proceedings was called Saturday afternoon when the Smithers crew closed the rink and with the aid of fans and snow tried to harden the heavy ice.

A meeting of the 17 Smithers rinks and the 15 visiting squads decided Saturday night to continue play, but games were cut down to eight ends.

TWO COMPETITIONS

Dibb's crew of Jim Georgeson, Art Kristmanson and Bill McLean are the only Rupert team remaining in two competitions.

It was "Piledriver" Art Kristmanson who gave Dibb's rink its victory at 3:40 Sunday morning when his well placed rocks counted six points in the Rupert 8-5 win over the Walsh crew from Burns Lake.

The Dibb rink played the early morning game one man short as Dibb slipped in an earlier game on the treacherous ice surface and split his head, resulting in a cut necessitating five stitches.

By 11 p.m. Saturday night the curlers had stopped sweeping because of the watery condition of the ice.

All the Prince Rupert rinks were knocked out of the Walls event. Burns of Smithers beat Miller 5-3; Ebner of Burns Lake beat Greene 11-3.

NEAT SHOT

Until his defeat by Ebner, Mitch Greene had won three games and Mitch himself pulled off a fabulous shot to defeat Downey of Telkwa who had shot rock which would have tied the game. Greene's rock drew around two Downey's guards to oust Downey's counter and take the game 7-5.

In the Bulkley event, Miller beat O'Neil of Smithers, 5-1, and Robertson downed Peterson of Smithers 12-2. Anderson of Smithers defeated Rudderham 4-3. McKim's RCMP rink eliminated the Garner crew 7-3.

Sunday before dawn, Delage knocked out Rudderham 9-1 in the Haggie competition. Miller won from Butchart of Smithers by default and Dibb beat Bennett 6-3 in the Bulkley event.

Four of the Prince Rupert rinks called it quits at noon yesterday and headed for home. After lunch, Robertson beat Ebner of Burns Lake 8-1.



EDDY CHOONG of Malaya, world champion badminton singles player, displays his gazelle-like speed and agility in an exhibition game at the Vancouver Tennis and Badminton Club. Eddy and his brother Dave won all their matches against Vancouver aces and moved on to Victoria for the British Columbia finals.

Dynamiters Lose Pair Of Fight-Riddled Games

Kimberley Dynamiters battled Spokane Flyers in a two-game series during the week-end and both games erupted like a Pier Six brawl.

The action, which took place in the Washington city, highlighted a full week-end schedule for the Western International Hockey League and its cohort, the Okanagan Senior Hockey League.

Spokane won both contests—5-2 and 5-4.

In the other games, Nelson Maple Leafs coasted to a 7-1 victory over their arch-rivals, Trail Smoke Eaters, in the WIHL, while in the OSHL, Vernon Canadians broke a five-game losing streak to best Penticton V's 7-4; Kamloops Elks scored five goals in the last period at home and still lost 6-5 to Kelowna Packers.

Saturday's game at Spokane saw John Bailey and Bill Ramsden of Flyers and Les Lilley of Dynamiters all drawing misconduct and fighting penalties. It took both officials, several players and a police officer to stop the final bout between Lilley and Ramsden.

Manson's Down CCC 50-42 To Retain Cage Loop Lead

Coach Pop Pay's leading 15-point tally failed in CCC's Saturday night bid to stem the on-rushing Manson Omegas who took the Senior B basketball fixture 50-42 in a tight tussle.

Spurred by point-getting Don Hartwig, league-leading jewellers went into the third quarter to outdistance the millers by eight points, then held the rallying CCC squad to 12 points while racking up a similar tally.

Hartwig scored 13 points to lead the Omegas, followed by Mickey Webster with 12. Sid Scherk of CCCs racked up 11 points despite vigorous checking.

A total of 27 fouls were called by referees Sankey and Gurvich. Of 11 free passes, Omegas counted four points compared to CCCs six points out of eight tries at the free throw line.

In the Inter A fixture, North Stars outclassed Watts & Nickersons 39-29 with Hein of the winners as leading point-getter with 20.

Sunrise's MacLean racked up 14 points to lead all scoring in the Inter B division game but in spite of his free scoring, Manson's edged the grocers 35-32 after two overtime periods.

Inter B

Manson's—Anderson 10, Hodgkinson 3, Sedgwick B. 5, Webber 9, Strand, Gray 6, Sedgwick T. 2, Erickson. Total 35.

Sunrise—Turcotte 4, Sankey 10, MacLean 14, Haudenschild 2, Dumas 2, Birch, Parent, Reid, Mah. Total 32.

Inter A

North Star—Tait 2, Hein 20, Nickerson 4, McKay 5, Black, Donaldson 4, Morrison 4. Total 39.

Watts & Nickerson—Smith 4, MacFarland 8, Christoff 6, Becker 2, Enridge, Forman, Sedgwick 3, Ratchford 6, Hodgkinson. Total 29.

Senior B

Manson's—Hartwig 13, Olson 8, Dumas E., Bill 4, Webster 12, Spring 7, Walsh 6. Total 50.

CCC's—Pay 15, Marshall, Scherk S. 11, Scherk D., Christensen 7, Thompson, Moore, Sunberg 9. Total 42.

JOHNNY LONGDEN FINED FOR FIGHT IN CLUBROOM

ARCADIA, Calif. (CP)—Veteran jockey Johnny Longden was fined for fighting back in the clubroom after rider Rogelio Trios of Panama swung on him after Thursday's running of the

seventh race at Santa Anita.

The Panamanian was fined \$100 for fighting and Longden, who learned his riding in Alberta years ago, was assessed \$50 for engaging him. Neither jockey was hurt.

Red Wings Trim Black Hawks In Two Week-end NHL Games

By The Canadian Press

Detroit Red Wings, in a great drive toward the National Hockey League championship, showed up the downtrodden Chicago Black Hawks in a home-and-home week-end series to win two games 4-2 and 5-1.

Chicago now has lost 13 of its last 14 games.

The runner-up Montreal Canadiens bowed to the Rangers 2-1 on Forum ice Saturday night.

Toronto Maple Leafs split a week-end series with Boston Bruins, winning at home Saturday night 4-2 but bowing to Sugar Jim Henry's sterling effort 2-0 in Boston Sunday night.

This left the Maple Leafs just a point behind Montreal while fourth-place Boston, in a battle for the final playoff spot, stayed three points ahead of the Rangers.

LINESMEN STRUCK

It didn't take long for the Red Wings to settle their second encounter against the Black Hawks at Chicago stadium Sunday night. Tony Leswick and rookie Earl Reibel put Detroit ahead 2-1 in the first period and the Red Wings added three more goals in the third period as Reibel got his second of the night and Alex Delvecchio and Glen Skov completed the rout. Lou Jankowski scored the Chicago goal.

A fight broke out between Leswick and defenceman Larry Zeide of the Black Hawks. Two linesmen, George Hayes and Harold (Mush) March, were struck by the late Zeide as they attempted to restrain him. Zeide broke away twice, finally getting to Leswick to drop him with a right before the players could restore order. Leswick and Zeide were given major penalties.

In Detroit Saturday night a near-sellout crowd of 13,692 watched the contest.

At Montreal, Dean Prentice and Paul Ronty got the Ranger goals in the first six minutes of the second session and Floyd Curry scored the Montreal tally at 13:04.

It was New York's first victory in Montreal since April, 1950 in a playoff game and their first in regular season play since February of the same year.

Seattle Chalks Up Two Wins Over Week-end

By The Canadian Press

There may be a large gap between first and last in the Western Hockey League standings at the moment—but when they hit the playoffs, it may be a good idea to toss the records on past performance out the window.

Seattle Bombers, for example, may not hit the playoffs—only six of the seven teams get in—but if they do, they may assume the giant-killing role.

The last-place Bombers played two games at home during the week-end and their opponents weren't even in the picture. Bombers swarmed all over New Westminster Royals for a 3-1 victory Sunday after a similar outdistancing job on Saturday when they beat Edmonton Flyers 5-1.

In other games, Vancouver Canucks stayed one point ahead of Calgary in the league lead by clipping Royals 6-3 in New Westminster while Stampedeers were edging Saskatoon Quakers 2-0 before a crowd of 7,457 fans, the season's largest hockey gathering in Calgary.

SETS RECORD

The gathering got something to cheer about too, as Stampede goalie Bill Brennan set a league record for shutouts in one season as he racked up his seventh.

Standings	W	L	T	P
Vancouver	28	18	6	62
Calgary	29	19	3	61
Saskatoon	23	19	6	52
New Westminster	21	24	7	49
Edmonton	20	24	8	48
Victoria	18	23	8	44
Seattle	17	29	6	40

Bowling Scores

Mixed 10-Pin League
Maresa "Windle" chalked up high single and high three, in the mixed 10-pin league last week, scoring 172 and 494.

Barry Watson got top single game for men with 190 and Joe Giordano had high three of 528.

Team high single, Dominoes, 638; high three, 4 Aces, 1833; Results: M & M's 4, Timber-ticks 0; Tinymites 1, Dominoes 3; 4 Aces 3, Luckies 1.

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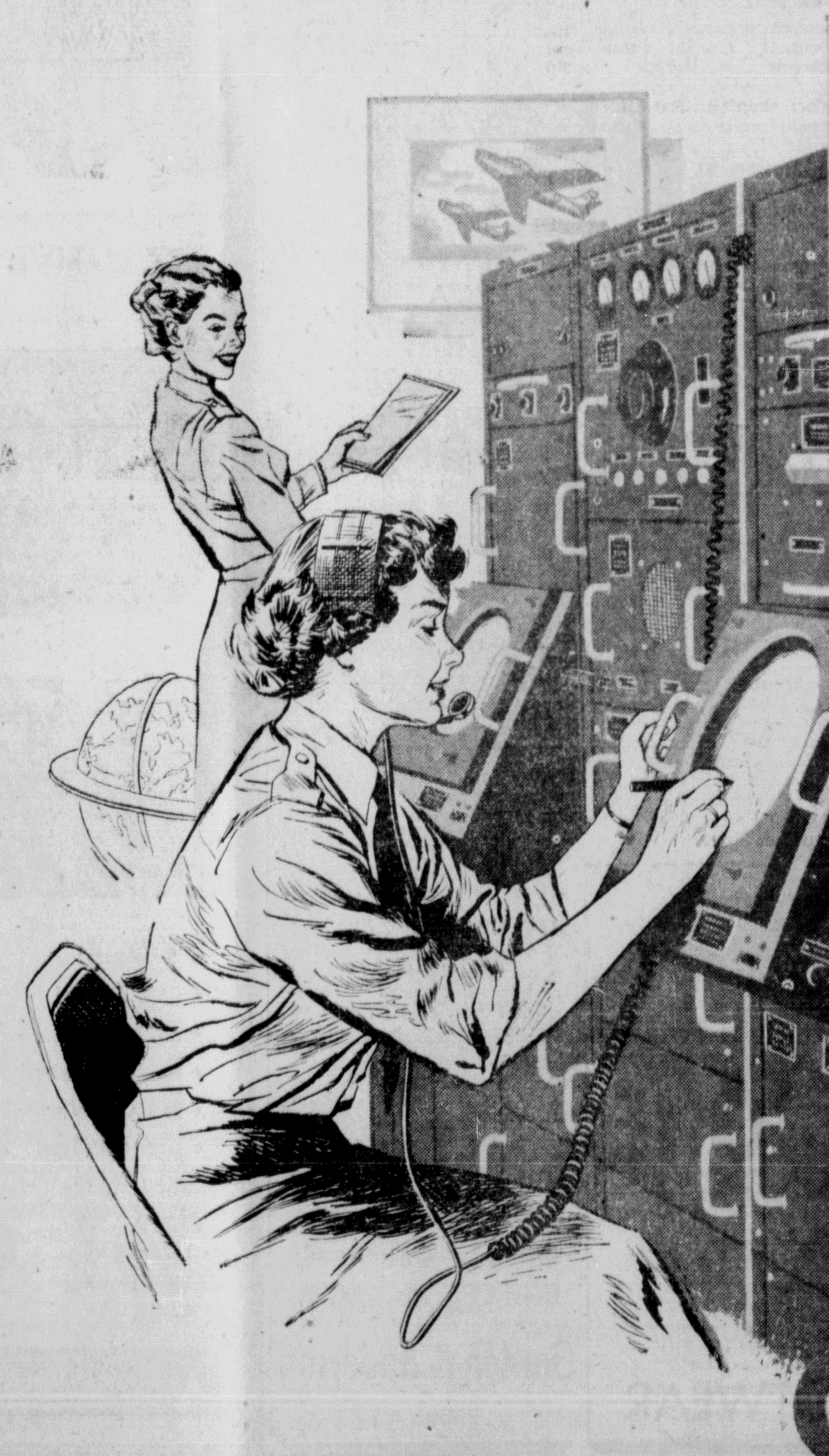


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