



In This Corner

By DICK AYRES

A well-known former soccer player and football supporter in Prince Rupert, Alex Haig will be heading south in the new year. Former team-mates of the days when Alex played for the Canadian Legion eleven and those who he has aided and supported since he hung up his soccer boots will miss his cheery encouragement.

In Kelowna, where he is going, Alex is looking forward to seeing some Okanagan Senior and Western International hockey league play and is also hoping they have some good football to watch down there. At the same time he looks back fondly on the days when Prince Rupert All-Stars used to provide good competition to visiting British Navy ships. So far as he can recall, the Rupert eleven defeated the more practiced Britons from the HMS Curlew and HMS York but were beaten by the Capetown and the Durban. On the All-Stars with him were Jack (J.S.) Wilson at outside right, Jimmy Johnson, Sam Currie, Dick Lamb and Charley Battie. Jack Wilson, who used to play against Alex for the 102 Infantry Regiment squad says Alex was a "clever and clean-playing right back," a pretty nice tribute from one of the old "fitba" boys.

Just because you basketball fans are having a holiday from league play as well as for Christmas, don't forget that there will be some top-notch cage fare on tap Monday and Tuesday nights when the Duke of Connaught high school hoopsters will be here to play Bo-Me-Hi rep team. In charge of the Dukes will be Bob Hindmarsh, ex-UBC Thunderbird shotmaker. Probably have more dope on Monday—the Christmas mail rush is holding up Bo-Me-Hi coach Jack Evans' mail the same as everyone else's.

News on the big time boxing front is that Jack Dempsey, first winner of the Boxing Writers Association's Edward J. Neil trophy, will present the 1953 award to welterweight champion Kid Gavilan at the BWA's annual dinner in New York on January 14. The National Boxing Association Tuesday approved the title fight between Archie Moore, world's light-heavyweight boxing champion and Joey Maxim in Miami Stadium January 27.

Sports writers Will Grimsley and Gayle Talbot, both of Associated Press are at odds in picking the Davis Cup winners. Grimsley, writing from Melbourne, says quite happily that the United States tennis team will win back the Davis Cup next week, three matches to two. Talbot from New York, on the other hand, says "you will be on pretty safe ground if you pick the Australians to keep the silverware probably by three matches to two."

The on-the-spot Grimsley goes on to say that Tony Trabert, U.S. bombardier, should take both his singles assignments and he expects the third point to come from Vic Seixas' victory over Lewis Head. He admits that "on form" and one other singles match must be conceded the Australians, although the Americans may pull a surprise in the doubles. Talbot, going on the record, predicts that the telling advantage possessed by the Aussies is their superiority in doubles play. He points out that the down-under boys have been the world's best at doubles for some 20 years. Since we don't see the Americans cracking that mark at this time we'll go along with Talbot when the challenge round begins on Monday.

U.S. Colleges to Get Big Take From TV 'Casts of Bowl Games

NEW YORK (AP)—Television and radio sponsors are becoming "sports Santa Claus" for a lot of United States colleges—and conferences—represented in the post-season football bowl games.

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ROSE BOWL TOPS

Biggest bonanza of all is the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif., matching UCLA of the Pacific Coast Conference against the Big Ten's Michigan State. The TV-radio money there even tops the gate receipts, since the sponsors have an advantage by coming on the air after the other major games are over. Also, the game pits the No. 3 team in the country, Michigan State, against the No. 5 team.

The combined TV-radio take for the west coast classic is \$610,000, well ahead of the gate

of \$340,000. After the game expenses, stadium rental, taxes and other expenses are taken out, each conference figures to get about \$350,000.

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Vuckovich Captures Double Honors

Bob Vuckovich turned in the best bowling score of last Monday's play in "A" Division of the Men's Five-Pin league rolling a high single game of 356 and high three of 778. His scores helped 537 Taxi take team high single with 1285 and team high triple with 3280. Vuckovich's 356 game was made up of nine strikes and three corner lefts.

Paul Piche rolled 293 to take high single game in Division "B" and Don Arney chalked up a high three game total of 765. Denvers won team high single with 1104 and Kaen Industries captured team high three with 2881.

Results:
A Division
Thom Sheet 4, Cook's 0; Art Murray's 4, Short Circuits 0; CNRA 1, Local 708, 3; Family Market 4, NW Construction 0; 537 Taxi 3, North Star 1; Philpott Evitt 2, Moose 2.

B Division
Denvers 4, Legion 0; Jaycees 4, Nelson Bros. 0; Overwaita 4, Don Juans 0; Rupert Motors 3, Savoy Hotel 1; Kaen Ind. 3, LCB 1.

Curling Rink Work Bees Set To Renew Ice

Work bees are scheduled at the Prince Rupert Curling Club December 28, 29 and 30 while the rink is closed next week for an ice face-lift. The rink will be closed from December 28 to January 1 inclusive and will re-open on Saturday, January 2.

Chairman of the ice committee Percy Berg and president Jack Laurie want as many members of the ice committee and other volunteers as possible to attend the work sessions so that the ice can be washed down to remove the heaves in it. Also scheduled to be done during the three day overhaul is repainting of the ice surfaces including the houses and hog lines.

Curling Results

Results in Cook's Jewellers competition at Prince Rupert Curling Club are as follows: Evittson 16, Gordon 7; Robertson 13, Bird 7; Shier 10, Greene 5; Moore 19, Rowbotham 4; Garner 17, Holliston 10; Osterag 10, Rudderham 6.

In turkey shoots held this week Moore rink won five of six birds on Wednesday and one on Tuesday. No curling will be held until Saturday, January 2, except for Sunday, December 27. All Legion curlers are asked to attend an organizational meeting at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Daily News Want: A-2 Get Results



Ken Watson's Curling

ICE-PHOBIA

Under any conditions when a skip steps out on to the ice lanes, whether he knows it or not, he is battling three adversaries: the ice, his opponents and himself. There is no greater folly than preconceived ideas of any or all three, before game time.

I painfully recall several instances in which I had played on a certain sheet of ice one day, and when the draw sheet revealed another game on the same ice the following day, I thought to myself, "I know that sheet." That is the greatest mistake a skip can make. The ice surface, as a result of more frost, milder weather, or another flooding, will have changed, even though slightly, and you step out the second time with a mental fixation that refuses to allow your mind to adjust itself. The consequences are horrible enough to think about, let alone witness.

Similarly, your opponents must be played on the ice, not in the clubhouse or hotel room. Too many matches are lost in pre-game discussions on strategy, when ice conditions are never thought of, and where the opposition is over-estimated or pooh-poohed. The reputation of a team is no criterion of how it will play in any given game. We all have our bad days along with the good.

That brings us to the third adversary: ourselves; or to put it more succinctly, our mental state, which after all, determines the effectiveness of our play. I refer here more to the effect of ice conditions as we find them. We all have our pet allergies—wet ice, frosty ice, artificial ice, tricky ice, keen ice, heavy ice—and in some cases we develop a phobia that can become a persecution complex. A student of the

game takes them in stride. He learns (often the hard way) to adjust himself to it. For example:

- (1) On wet or swamy ice—keep the other fellow hitting.
- (2) On frosty ice, play firmer weight in hitting.
- (3) As artificial ice is usually trickier and keener than natural ice, cut down your weight or play key take-out shots firmly.
- (4) On really crooked ice with many kick-backs and swings—keep your opponents hitting from the start.
- (5) On ice that runs to the centre, play firm bounce weight to roll your stones to the side ice.

Come what may—don't ever admit that it was the ice, and not your opponents that liked you!

Next Article: "How to Gain Popularity as a Curler"

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

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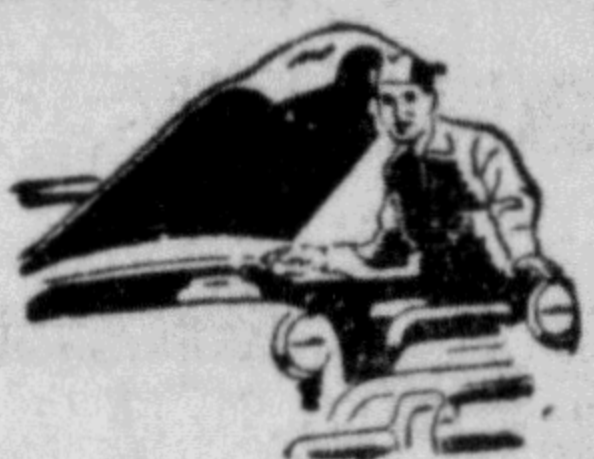
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WILFORD ELECTRICAL WORKS

Rangers Down Red Wings 2-1 For First Win in 8 Meetings

By WALTER GRAY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Referee Frank Udvari was almost a silent figure Wednesday night as New York Rangers defeated the leading Detroit Red Wings 2-1 in a National Hockey League game in New York.

Udvari, one of the most controversial referees in NHL history and a key figure in the latest storms of penalty protests, called only eight penalties in a game that saw left-winger Nick Mickoski score his fifth goal of the season at 18:29 of the final period to break a 1-1 deadlock.

In Montreal Wednesday, NHL president Clarence Campbell said the mounting public blasts at responsible club officials will be discussed at the top level in the near future.

Udvari, who handed out a mass misconduct penalty against Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs during a giant rhabarb in Toronto two weeks ago, has hinted he may resign.

The league president said referees should not be made the

objects of "public pillory." Detroit's loss Wednesday night was their first in six starts. The Ranger win, the club's first over the Wings in eight meetings, put them within five points of the fourth-place Boston Bruins.



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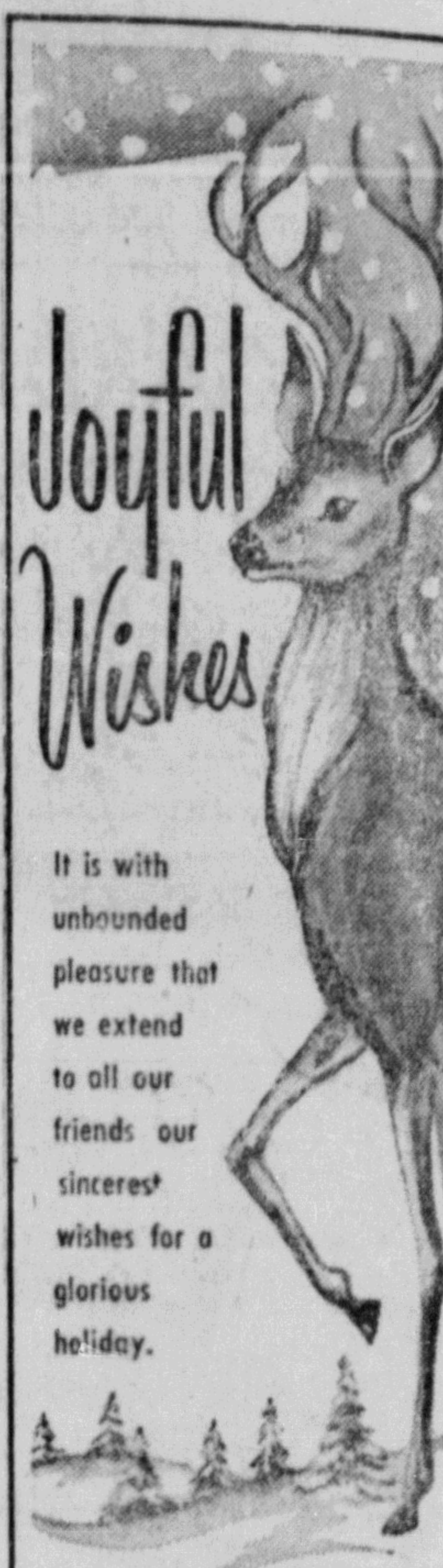
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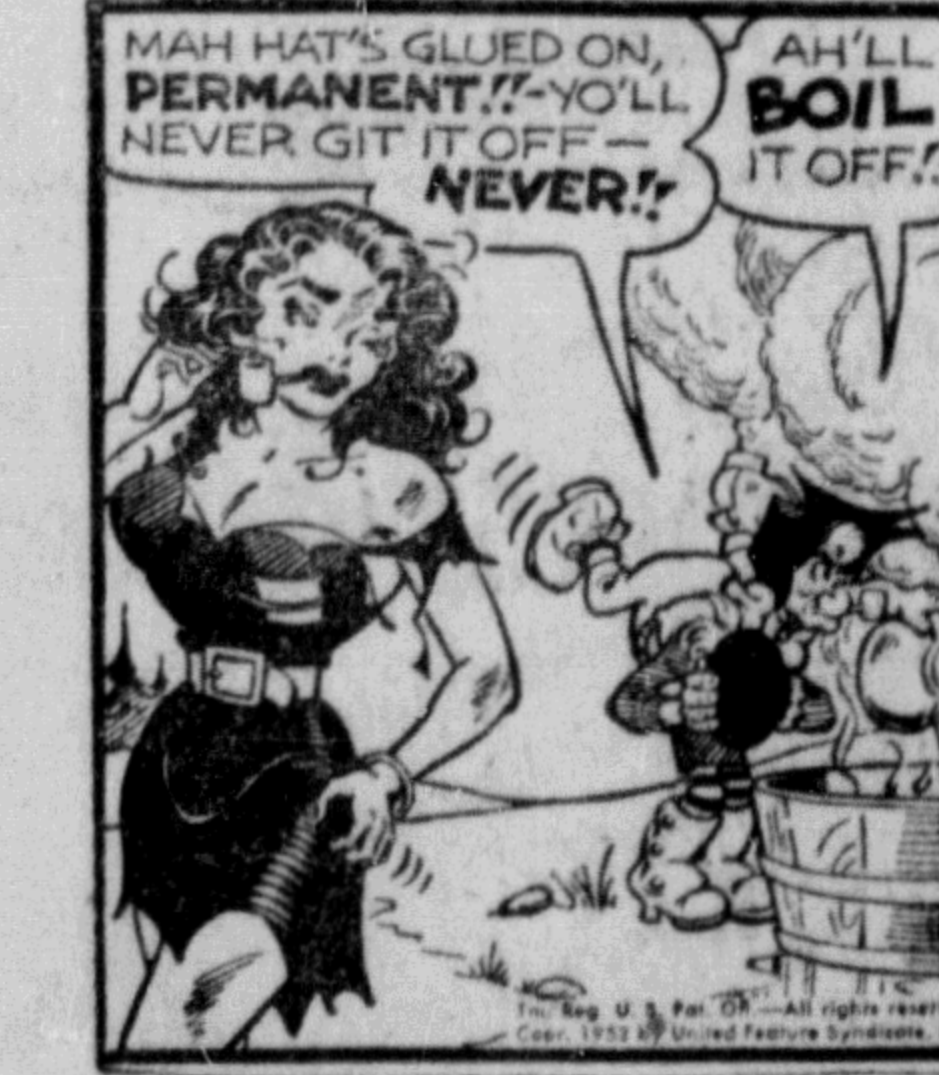
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THE HEART OF JULIET JONES

By STAN DRAKE

