

IN THIS CORNER

DICK AYRES

Prince Rupert curlers, male and female, are not having much luck with outside bonspiels. Last weekend the men were robbed of their artificial ice finesse when the thaw set in at the 5th annual Smithers Bonspiel. This week, the continuing mild weather has caused Mrs. Inez Herman, secretary of the Smithers Ladies' Curling Club to inform the gals here that the bonspiel planned for this week-end was off. Three rinks from the Prince Rupert Ladies' curling club were planning on going. They were to be skipped by Betty Moore, Bessie Wakley and Elsie Anderson. However, all is not lost. The Smithers ladies' club still plans to hold the spiel if the weather tightens up and there's every indication that it will. The sun shone on Smithers, on Tuesday when the groundhog came out for a look-see so there should be more winter in the interior before spring finally arrives.

We still don't know whether there will be a Prince Rupert rink going to the 59th Annual British Columbia bonspiel at Trail, B.C., which starts Monday. Neely Moore's rink of Dom Dominato, Jack Paul and Jack Webster are entitled to go as no one from Prince George wanted to go.

The Trail curling club, hosts for the B.C. event to decide who goes to the Macdonald Briar competitions, has 13 sheets of ice available for play. If there is a large entry they will add six more ice sheets, all of them under one roof. An added attraction says Tommy Knight, bonspiel secretary, is the fact that a cocktail bar will be maintained for curlers and their friends throughout the entire bonspiel.

Only other outside spiel of interest to local curlers is the Burns Lake one set for next Friday and Saturday.

A Prince Rupert resident is scheduled to play for a Smithers rink when about half a dozen interior rinks come here for the Prince Rupert annual bonspiel February 19 to 24.

It's Dr. J. A. MacDonald who has been "imported" by Reg Collison for his rink. With Reg and Jack will be Reg's brother Tom and Chuck Aikenhead. Other Smithers rinks will be brought down by Len Evans, Bill Bovill, Dick Heggie, Cliffe Delage and George Afoemeit. Better bolster the end of the ice sheets boys, those muscle boys from inland will be slugging those rocks through the walls.

Thirteen-year-old Diane Frith Smith, daughter of Prince Rupert-born and raised Mrs. Allen Smith of Vancouver, formerly Marie Mussallem, last weekend was the winner of the girls' novice class skating competition at the Winnipeg Ice Carnival. Diane, born in Vancouver and a member of the Vancouver Skating Club, competed in her class against 21 other skaters from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. This reflects extremely well on both Diane and her instructors as she has only been skating for about a year.

Columbia Cellulose 300 Club take the Civic Centre floor tonight against Senior B second-place Gordon and Anderson in an effort to improve their three-win, seven-loss record. CCC will have to pull out all the stops as they are still short-handed and G & A have taken on a fighting spirit that saw them trounce the league leading Manson's Omegas last Tuesday night. They are also bolstered with the addition of Mel Holkestad and themselves are dedicated to cutting down the 9-win, 3-loss mark set by Manson's. According to the schedule we have, only four more games remain to be played before the playoffs begin. In that time CCC meets Manson's twice and G & A once and G & A tangle with Manson's once more. Looks like time has run out on both trailing teams. In other basketball fare tonight Fraser and Payne meet North Star in the Inter A league and Manson's are host to General Motors in the Inter A loop.

POST SCRIPTS—The Diamond Belt tournament is underway and no Prince Rupert boxing champions are attending. Well, shame on Prince Rupert. We know that it was a matter of finances and that you don't go down to Vancouver for peanuts, but we would have thought that someone or some organization would have made the gesture even if it had flopped. Absolute indifference isn't healthy for a town or a club... Speaking of boxers Glen (Tiny) Carlson, our local heavyweight champion leaves today for Vancouver where he will confer with Dr. W. H. Farney, spine specialist about the "disc" trouble that has been plaguing the big mitt-slinger and basketball player. The weights that Tiny had placed on his leg at the Prince Rupert General hospital did a fine job but as soon as the pressure was removed the trouble came back. Here's hoping that some permanent cure can be found to fix Tiny up as he's a fine athlete and a credit to the city. Your friends wish you all the best, kid!

Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press
New York—Joey Giardello, 157½, Philadelphia, stopped Walter Cartier, 161, New York, 1.
West Palm Beach, Fla.—Frankie Sodano, 128, Philadelphia, outpointed Marvin Dick, 133, New York, 10.
Philadelphia—Jim Soo, 135, Philadelphia, stopped Billy Francis, 139, Baltimore, 3.
Melbourne—Augustino Argote, 140½, Spain, outpointed Marshall Clayton, 144, U.S., 12.

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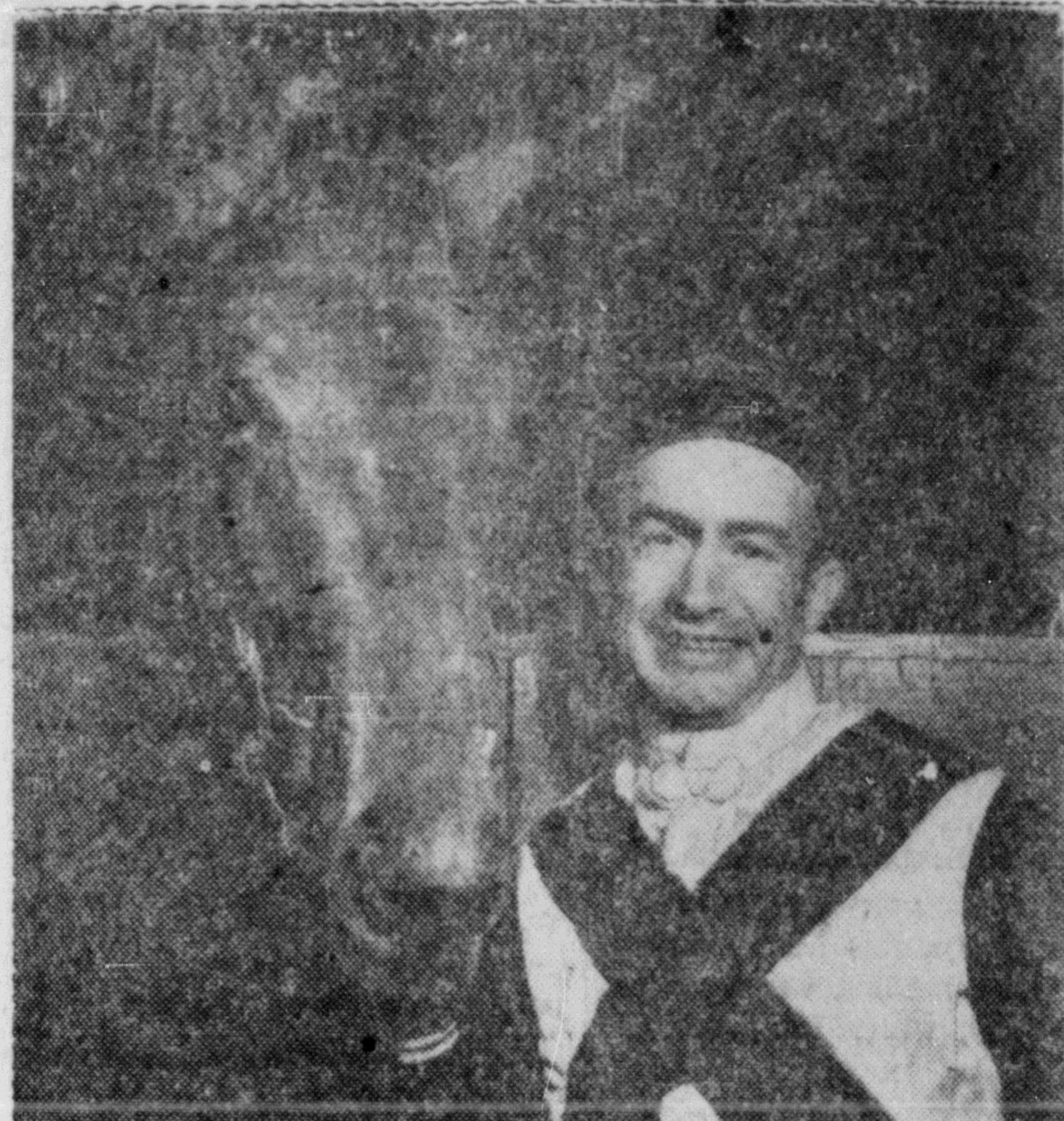
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JOCKEY TED ATKINSON poses with the unnamed two-year-old daughter of Equipoise, for which he has been signed on as trainer-consultant. There is to be a Kentucky Club "Derby Day" Contest to name the two-year-old, and the winner gets the filly. Atkinson will make the presentation at Churchill Downs on Derby Day.

Chicago Black Hawks Nearing Worst Loss Record in History

By JIM BASTABLE

Canadian Press Staff Writer
Chicago Black Hawks are heading for one of hockey's all-time records. Nobody wants it.

Unless the Hawks win nine of their remaining 18 games, they will supplant the Chicago team of three years ago as the club that got the worst kicking around in the big time.

It's an unenviable situation and the percentages say the Hawks are certain to end up in it. So far this year, they have won only nine games in 52 National Hockey League starts. Any fewer than nine wins before the 70-game schedule finishes next month will give Chicago more than the lowest record of 47 defeats.

The Hawks have little consolation in the team they run up against this weekend. They meet the second-place Toronto Maple Leafs in a home-and-home series and the Leafs have been showing late-season strength.

R. Pedersen, Wayne Crowe Top Rifle Club

Civic Centre Youth Rifle Club officials today released the standings for January of the top five marksmen in the two trophy competitions presently under way.

Robert Pedersen tops the highest average trophy with 94.7 per cent; second is John Clibbett with 94 per cent; Bill Holgate has 92.5 per cent, Wayne Crowe is fourth with 92.3 per cent and fifth is Frank Anfield with 92.3 per cent.

In the top five for the best grouping trophy are Wayne Crowe with a 1-inch grouping; Bill Holgate with 1½-inch grouping; Frank Anfield, 1½-inch grouping; John Clibbett, 1½-inch grouping and Joe Krampner with 1½-inch grouping.

Two sharpshooters with possibilities, or 100 points out of 100 are Bill Holgate with 1½-inch grouping and Frank Anfield with 1½-inch grouping.

Betty Vegh Sparks Dom's Win Over Frosty's Food Lockers

Betty Vegh with 10 points paced Dom's Department Store to a 27-18 win over Frosty's Food Lockers in a scheduled Girls' League basketball game at the Civic Centre last night.

Dom's continuing to dominate the loop outscored the Locker gang 4-3, 8-6, 8-2 and were tied 8-8 in the final quarter.

Dot Marshall was top point-getter for Frosty's with 6 points.

In the Junior Boy's league Ormes fought off a rallying Sea Cadet crew to take the decision 29-26 in a fast-paced game. Ormes took the first quarter 11-6, lost the second 7-5, edged the Sailors 4-3 in the third quarter and themselves were nicked 10-9 in the final frame. Lugin with 8 points led the Sailors while Duncan scored 8 for the druggists.

NBC Power finally scored a win in the second Junior fixture eking out a 20-18 victory over Bulgars. Trailing 15-12 in the third frame the NBC squad staged a comeback in the final stanza outscoring the Jewellers 8-3. Landie scored 9 points to pace the winners while Lambie and Marshall scored 6 points each for the losers.

GIRLS' LEAGUE

Dom's—Leask 4, Moore 7, Spence, Cloutier 2, Vegh 10, Webster 4. Total 27.

Frosty's—M. Youngman 1, Windle 2, Marshall 6, Gibb 2, Pavich 4, Thair 3, Horne. Total 18.

JUNIOR BOYS' LEAGUE

Sea Cadets—Lugin 8, Husvik 4, Howell 2, Christoff 2, McLeod, Flood 6, Newfield 1, Iveson, Howell 3. Total 26.

Orme's—McIntosh 6, Duncan 8, Kelly, Reed 2, Hodgkinson 7, Hewitt, Chow, Leeman 6. Total 29.

NBC Power—Furniotis, Desautels 4, Ritchie 2, Stewart 4, Landie 9, Hargrove, Kelsey 1. Total 20.

Bulgars—J. Johnson 2, Gurney, Lambie 6, Thom, Marshall 6, Rowe 4, F. Johnson, Watmough. Total 18.

U.S. Fighters Top Decisions

VANCOUVER (CP) — Classy scrappers from below the International boundary dominated first-round matches in the annual two-day Diamond Belts amateur boxing tournament here Friday night.

Buzz-bomb 147-pounder Celly Ruibal, stationed at Bremerton, Wash., with the U.S. Navy, probably got the night's toughest decision.

He won a rugged decision from Crag Grey of Haney, B.C., in the 10th bout of 23, then came back in the 27th to lose a split decision to fresh Carlton Lincoln of Portland. The crowd booted the narrow decision so loudly the ring announcer couldn't be heard as he set up the last bout.

Bob Ratuff of Fort Lewis, Wash., lost the next toughest as he went down to another split decision to Des Archer of Burnaby, B.C., who is stationed at Regina, Sask., with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

American battlers won 18 of the 28 scraps on the first night card.

Results of first night bouts in the Diamond Belts boxing tournament included:

139 POUNDS
Tom Palmer, champion, Alberta, defeated Lothar Lobowski, of Prince George, B.C.

Ron Roos, Seattle, defeated Will Desjarlais, Regina.

125 POUNDS
Earl Vance, Vancouver, defeated Buddy Palmer, champion.

Alex Mazur, Melville, Sask., defeated Sam Garcia, Fort Lewis, Wash.

147 POUNDS
Freddy Baker, Vancouver, defeated Laurie Webb, Winnipeg.

Des Archer, Regina, defeated Bob Ratuff, Fort Lewis.

137 POUNDS
Jack Pucias, Eugene, Ore., defeated Jack Straza, Regina.

130 POUNDS
Tom Palmer, champion, defeated Ron Roos, Seattle.

Sir Edwin Landseer, the animal painter who died in 1873, was an associate of the Royal Academy at age 24. DANGEROUS! The wild boar, late as the 19th century.

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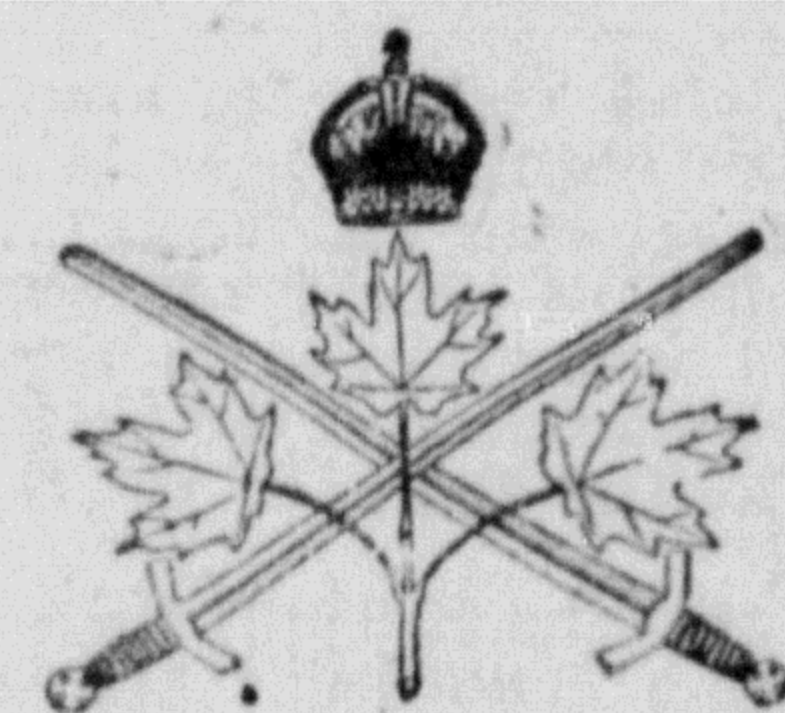
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