



IN THIS CORNER

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Just about the time a person begins to think that Prince Rupert is the most friendly town they've encountered, containing the largest number of folks who'll support worthy projects to the hilt, something crops up to make one wonder.

We refer to the small crowd that attended Thursday night's baseball game at Roosevelt Park and the even smaller one that turned up for the Prince Rupert General Hospital's "open house." Of course the music and drama festival may have had something to do with the latter, but it was a great disappointment to the dozen or so hospital workers who had put the final "spit and polish" to the hospital and waited in vain to show the "interested" public around the building that is staffed night and day to serve the public.

Regarding the baseball game, those that stayed away missed a good game. There was no sensational pitching, the sluggers only collected a total of 16 scattered hits, but it was close and good entertainment. True, you needed a fur-lined parka and windbreaker and blanket but after all its only mid-May. It was Commercial Hotel's first home game and both teams could have done with a little support from some of the hardier fans.

Whether the town realizes it or not, Prince Rupert is fortunate in having as good a brand of ball as they do here. We've sat at Royal Athletic Park in Victoria and the old and new Capilano stadiums and seen Western International league teams turn in some stinkers . . . and they get paid for it. Thursday night's game hardly paid for lost balls, umpires and ball-shaggers. The senior club wants to get in some good hits before the official Little League and the unofficial Pony loop start stealing some of their best customers. It won't be long now.

There's some good talent coming along in the older ball league who will bear watching as soon as they have a little more senior experience under their belts. **Ray McKay**, well-known live-wire for North Star Inter A basketball squad has the makings of a top-notch catcher for Esquires. **Jimmy Flewin**, although tagged for five runs off five hits Thursday proved useful when Commercial needed him, both on the mound and at first. Esquires' young **Bill Donaldson** shows signs of becoming a useful chucker as soon as he gets a little more stuff on the ball. **Paul Poirier**, hefty first sacker last Sunday, could turn into a keyman for the clothiers.

Commercial face the real test of the early season Sunday when they meet **Rusty Ford's** Gordon and Anderson nine. The Hotelmen have lost twice to Terrace and were edged by Esquires Thursday. However, G & A's win over Esquires last Sunday wasn't so impressive and with a minimum of errors, **Miner Simundson's** crew could take last year's league champs.

While everything is going swimmingly in the major league of Prince Rupert's Little League, secretary-treasurer **Jack Martin** says that quite a few adults are needed to supervise the minor league or farm team games. Since the games will probably be played in the afternoon, shift workers who want to do their bit for the kids are the ideal lads the Little League is seeking. Firemen, policemen, clergymen, CCC workers on "graveyard" with any extra time on their hands could do a mighty good turn for the little eager beavers who couldn't make the majors.

We were glad to see some of the active senior ball club hands well entrenched as coaches in the Pony league. Among them are **G & A's Syd** and **Don Scherk** and **Bill Sunberg** and Esquires' **Joe Giordano**. **Maurice Scott** of Commercial Hotel was in Little League to start with and turned out to help the Pony loop get its start.

POST SCRIPTS—See the Navy's Trent Ketcheson has already disposed of one opponent in the BEG boxing trials at Toronto. Can't see anyone else but him sailing through to win the 165-pound class. If he'd get down and do some serious training we predict he'll show pretty good against the rest of the Commonwealth middle-weights. . . . Sure enjoyed **Dick (Vancouver Sun) Beddoes** column on the noodleheadness of the B.C. Amateur Boxing Commission. . . . Prince Rupert Curling club members are alerted that there is a general meeting Monday, May 17 at 8 p.m. in the Civic Centre.

Soccer Exhibition Game Set For Roosevelt Park Tonight

It will be kick-off time at 6:30 p.m. tonight in Roosevelt Park as the General Motors soccer team meets the Cafe Gondola eleven in the first exhibition game staged to revive interest in a District Soccer league locally. Manager **Franco Campagnolo** of Gondolas will take only one substitute along. The team will be captained by **Adriano Tamburini** and coached by **Lido Guadagni**. Other Gondola players are **Herman Rohrer**, **Pietro De Grosso**, **Franco Guidi**, **Quinto Scatena**, **Valter Del Ross**, **Lafarano Lera**, **Giovanni Nicoli**, **Ede Nordio**, **Franco Oueselini**, **Miele** and **Rudolfo Mateucci**. The General Motors squad will field their team from among 18 possibles. Listed are **F. Rutten**, **J. Eby**, **A. Maron**, **F. Boltong**, **M.**

Wolves on Spot As V's Ready For Big Battle

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP)—The Allan Cup will be on the line here tonight when Sudbury Wolves and Penticton V's tangle in the seventh and deciding game of a slam-bang series that has seen the V's stage another of their miracle comebacks.

Each team has won three games and tonight's tussle will decide the issue.

The amazing V's, darlings of this hockey-crazy peach city, rule as slight favorites to take their third straight win in the best-of-seven series and the Canadian senior amateur hockey championship.

Faced with what seemed to be almost certain defeat when the rugged Wolves grabbed three of the first four games, the Warwick brothers led V's back with a pair of desperation wins to tie it up.

Thursday night's victory was the most impossible of all. Down 4-2 going into the final 20 minutes, Penticton rapped in four unanswered tallies to sew it up and set the stage for the big game.

In the fifth game at Penticton, only 17 seconds remained in overtime when **Jack McIntyre** fired a goal that gave V's a 6-5 win.

It's been the same story all along the playoff road for V's. They went eight games before polishing off **Neelson Maple Leafs** for the British Columbia title, and then won out in a marathon duel with **Winnipeg Maroons** for the western Canada crown.

That's a record that places Sudbury squarely on the spot tonight.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

By The Associated Press

National League				
	AB	R	H	Pct.
Musial, St. Louis	100	28	39	390
Mueller, N. Y.	96	16	36	375
Hammner, Phila.	92	13	34	370
Robinson, Brooklyn	54	7	20	370
Jakubowski, St. Louis	115	14	42	365
Runs—Moon, St. Louis 31.				
Runs batted in—Musial, 31.				
Hits—Jahlo, St. L. 42.				
Doubles—Snider, Brooklyn, 10.				
Triples—Irvin and Mays, New York and Schoendienst, St. Louis, 3.				
Home runs—Musial, 11.				
Stolen bases—Braton, Milwaukee 6.				
Pitching—Podres, Brooklyn and Raschi, St. Louis 4-0-1,000.				
Strikeouts—Spahn, Milwaukee, 38.				
American League				
	AB	R	H	Pct.
Boone, Detroit	71	14	25	352
Avila, Cleveland	100	20	35	350
Rosen, Cleveland	93	16	32	344
Coodman, Boston	76	8	26	342
Tuttle, Detroit	76	11	26	342
Runs—Minnoso, Chicago and Avila, Cleveland 20.				
Runs batted in—Rosen, 26.				
Hits—Avila, 35.				
Doubles—McDougald, New York 9.				
Triples—Minnoso, 5.				
Home runs—Berra, New York 6.				
Stolen bases—Jensen, Boston 4.				
Pitching—Lemon, Cleveland and Lopat, New York 5-0-1,000.				
Strikeouts—Turley, Baltimore 53.				

Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Jacques Royer, 160 $\frac{1}{2}$, Chateau Thierry, France, outpointed **Ralph (Tiger) Jones**, 158, Yonkers, N.Y., (10).

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—**Cecil Schoonmaker**, 117, Los Angeles, outpointed **Javier (Baby Face) Gutierrez**, 117, Los Angeles (10).

Remember When

By The Canadian Press

Jimmy Russell, Toronto sculler, won the singles title at the American Henley at Philadelphia 17 years ago today. Wearing the double blue colors of the Toronto Argonauts, Russell covered the 1 5/16 mile course in 7:31.4.

Eight of 11 B.C. Fighters in Finals Of Games Boxing Trials in Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—British Columbia still has eight of 11 fighters in the finals of the Canadian British Empire Boxing Championships after five more west coast entrants won their bouts last night.

Vancouver featherweight **Buddy Pearson** and light-middleweight **Trent Ketcheson** of Victoria both drew byes. **Bill Stone**, Vancouver welterweight, scored a first-round knockout over **Nick Tynes**, Greenwood, N.S.

A second round KO was chalked up by **Steve Phare** of Haney over **Joe Aitken** of HMCS Cornwallis. **Norm Jorgenson** of Vancouver got a second round TKO over **Toronto's Gene Powers**.

Jack Barclay of New Westminster gained a decision over **Danny Kane** of HMCS Cornwallis. **Gerry Boucher**, Vancouver featherweight, defeated **Frank Germshild** of Edmonton and **Des Archer**, RCMP, Regina and formerly of Vancouver, defeated **Lloyd Lawrence** of Toronto.

Steve Phare started British Columbia off on a perfect night when he knocked out **Nova Scotia's Joey Atkins** in the second round.

Welterweight **Bill Stone** of Vancouver, who twice picked himself off the canvas in the first round, let go with one looping fight to catch **Nick Tynes** coming off the ropes. The combination of Stone's punch and the spring of the ropes was enough to send Tynes down like a pole-axed steer. The RCAF whirlwind puncher from Greenwood, N.S., was counted out at 2:09 of the opener.

Fighting again last night, Vancouver's welterweight **Norm Jorgenson** picked up his second technical knockout of the trials when he stopped **Gene Powers** of Toronto.

Jim Saunders, burly, two-handed puncher from Manitoba, fought his way into the heavy-weight finals with a second round technical knockout over **Bob Richardson** of St. Catharines. He will meet **Montreal's Gerry Buchanan** tonight in the finals of the three-day event.

When **Saunders** didn't make the provincial team, he hitchhiked from Winnipeg to defend his Canadian amateur heavy-weight title won last year.

Buchanan is the boxer who stopped **Pete Piper**, the man who stopped **Saunders** in the Manitoba provincial trials. In his bout last night **Saunders** pounded **Richardson** along the ropes with a flurry of blows. The St. Catharines fighter was on his knees when the bell ended the first round. The referee didn't allow him to start the second.

The 24-bout three round card on the second night of the trials produced three knockouts, four technical knockouts and some bruising fighting. The final 14 bouts are being fought this afternoon.

A TKO was scored by **Charles Gihuly** of Melfort, Sask., over **Tom Palmer** of Champion, Alberta in the third round. It was the same for **Edmonton's Wil Greaves** over **John Pope** of Louisburg, N.S., in the second round of their bout.

An unpopular split decision gave **Des Archer** the nod over **Lloyd Lawrence** of Toronto. The night before **Lawrence** had stopped **light middleweight champion Paul Chyzy** of Winnipeg. **Toronto's Hugh Lindsay's** decision over **Fred Deegan** of Nova Scotia also proved unpopular.

Senior Ball League Lineups Named For Sunday Tourneys

It will be **Gordie Cameron** on the mound for **Commercials** and **Freddy Christenson** for **Gordon** and **Anderson** tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 in Roosevelt Park, as these two teams meet for the first time this year in the Pr. Rupert Sr. Baseball League.

At the same time, right-hander **Dick Letourneau** will start for Esquires in the first half of a double-header at Terrace. For **Commercials**, **Miner Simundson** will keep much the same line-up as that used last Thursday, when the hotelmen lost a close decision to Esquires. Only expected addition, is that hurler **Jack Lindsay** will more than likely-put in an appearance.

The proposed Commercial line-up will see **Tom Naka** in short, **Bill Gunn** in right field, **Miper Simundson** in centre, **Cliff Dahl** at first, **Nick Pavlikis** in left field, **Herb Morgan** behind the plate, **Bruce Simundson** at second and **Dick Nickerson** at third. **Rusty Ford's G & A** line-up will see **Bill Sundberg** at short, **Don Hartwig** at third base, **Don Scherk** catching, **Dave Hill** at second, **Syd Scherk** on the first cushion, **Ralph Enridge** in centre field, **Stan Petrov** in left and **Jan Dunbar** in right field.

For the road trip, Esquire's will have **Ray Spring** in centre field, **Joe Giordano** at short, **Cliff Pachal** on second, **Andy Marshall** in left field, **Bill Doubanuk** or **Ken Hill** in right field, **Carl Tichman** at third, **Ray McKay** receiving and **Danny Bill** on first.

Game time at Roosevelt park is 1:30 and G & A will take the field first. First game of the Terrace twin bill starts at 1 p.m. and the second will follow after a short intermission.

"Gogie" Leaves Everton Club After One Year

AINTREE, England (CP)—Vancouver's **Gordie "Gogie" Stewart** has decided to quit English football after one season, it was disclosed today by the Everton soccer club.

A club spokesman said, "We are sorry to lose him." **Stewart** helped Everton's second team win the central league championship, but he never played with the first team, which was promoted to the first division at the end of the season.

Stewart will go home around the end of the month, the spokesman said, adding, "We gather he felt his future more secure in Canada. We are sorry to see him go. He is a cheery fellow and fitted well."

The 25-year-old **Stewart**, who had been listed among the players to be retained by the team said earlier that football was "great over here" but was undecided about plans for another season.

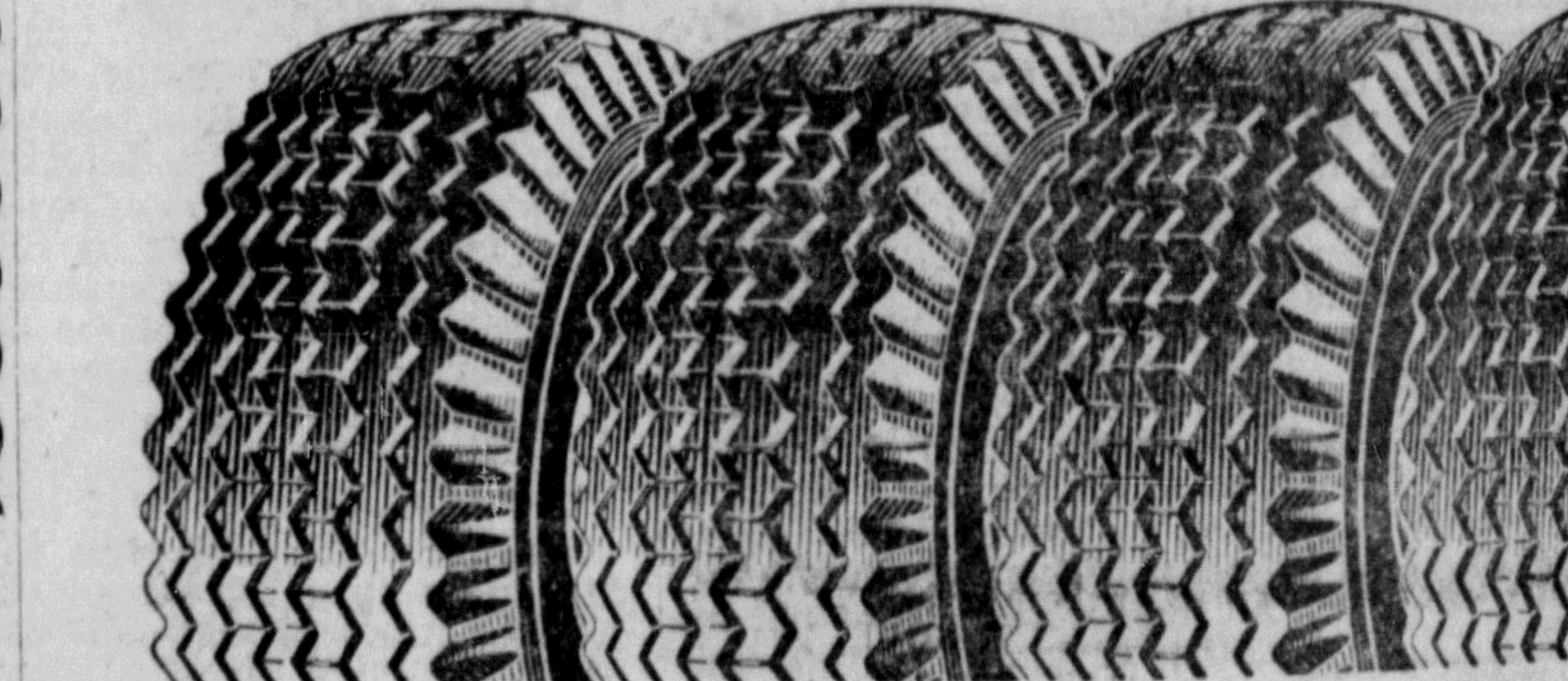
He was a former inside left for **New Westminster Royals** in British Columbia, but played outside left with the British club.

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