

Booth High Cage Team Enters B.C. Playdowns

To Meet Quesnel Squad in First Game For School Championship

Entering competition on a provincial scale for the first time in several years, a Booth Memorial High School basketball team leaves here Monday to take part in the province-wide playdowns in Vancouver.

First team the Bo-Me-Hi Rainmakers meet Wednesday night, when the eliminations begin at the University of B.C. Memorial gym, is Quesnel. If the Rupert students win, they may meet the well-known Duke of Connaught cagers the following night.

Finals are Saturday. Sixteen teams are entered.

Meanwhile, Rainmakers' coach Jack Evans got a substantial boost in confidence when his squad outclassed a senior combination of the top five scorers

of the season in a practice match Thursday night. Score was 52-44.

The seniors, picked and coached by Gordon & Anderson pilot Alex Bill, had to bow to the student cagers who carried the play most of the way on the large high school gym floor.

Commenting on the game, Bill said that the students showed good form.

"Evans should have a lot of confidence in his boys when they play down south," said Bill.

About his own team losing, the veteran coach said:

"I picked the five top scoring men of the season for the first string just to sit back and see the results. Two of the players were on opposite sides all season. It doesn't mean that the top scorers are going to play well together the first time."

The lineup which faced the students were Joe Davis, Ray Spring, Jim Flaten, Don Scherck and Rupe Holkestad. Ted Arney, Roy Webber and Ed Scherck were subs.

TEAM MEMBERS

Members of the representative school team chosen to make the plane trip south are Bill Morrison (already in Vancouver), Fred Kristmanson, Darrel Young, Jerry Ford, Ron Ciccone, Reynold McKay, Derek Letourneau, Fred Christensen and Ron Black.

Each player is paying a quarter of his own fare and the students' council pays the balance. Players will be billeted at UBC's Acadia Camp.

Only outside competition this team has met this season is that of the Ketchikan Polar Bears whom they tied in a four-game return (two here, two in Alaska) series.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)

— Paul Richards, the gloomy ringmaster of the Chicago White Sox, has come out of the heat of his preliminary training camp at El Centro, Calif., talking pennant with only one important "if."

"If all our stars play up to what they have shown they can do in other years, I think we have a real good chance," he said. "I like this team very much. However, if three or four of them should have poor seasons, then you know we are not going to win anything. It's as simple as that."

What did he think would happen to New York Yankees if Phil Rizzuto's pet ulcer should prevent his playing a full season at shortstop for the world champions?

"Just say that I would love to play the Yankees about 22 games without Rizzuto in there," he replied. "It would be a very, very interesting experiment. If you see Casey Stengel, give him my regards and tell him I hope he has Rizzuto for about 13 games."

"It's too early yet to say whether Vern Stephens' bad knee will permit him to play third regularly," Richards said of the former Boston Red Sox.

"If Stephens doesn't do it I'll be perfectly willing to go with Rocco Krsnich (pronounced Krsnich) at third."

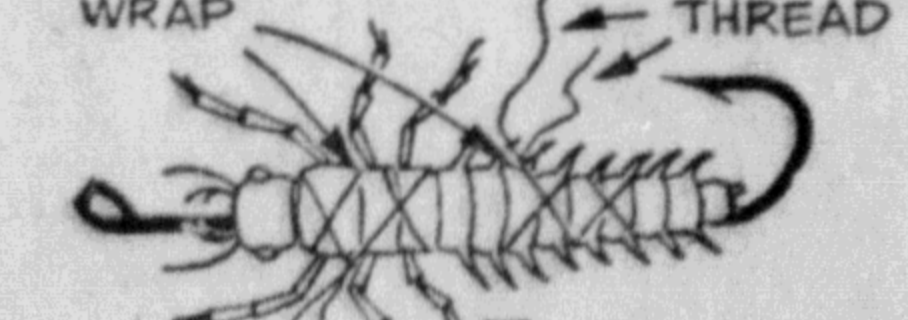
"With him, Chico Carrasquel, Nellie Fox and Ferris Fain in my infield and Minnie Minoso, Jim Rivera and Sam Mele in the outfield, I have much the fastest team in baseball."

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Bud Gourlie Most Valuable Player

VANCOUVER (CP)—Grey-haired Bud Gourlie, veteran member of Olympics in the Commercial Hockey League, has been named the league's most valuable player. He edged out Eric Unger of Pilseners—now with Vancouver Canucks—for the award.

Others considered were Bill Wilson, Mickey Lynch, Al Rittinger and Hermie Gruhn.

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B.C. FOOTBALL TEAM NAME WON'T INCLUDE 'VANCOUVER'

VANCOUVER (CP)—In name at least, the coast's 1954 Western Interprovincial Football Union team will belong to British Columbia rather than Vancouver.

The Vancouver Football Club announced in launching a "name your team" contest.

"Vancouver" will not be part of the team name.

The contest's first prize will be a plane-trip to New York and back. Contestants, who can be from any part of the province, must also explain in 25 words or less the reason they believe their choice is suitable. Contest deadline is March 23.

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PRINCE RUPERT CURLING CLUB

Pavelich May Compete in London

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