

Watts & Nickerson Win First Game of Season

Watts & Nickerson 46, Fraser & Payne 43.
Nelson Brothers 31, General Motors 28.
Columbia Cellulose 56, Gordon & Anderson 44.

Basketball fans were treated to three fast-moving games at the Civic Centre Saturday night and saw Watts & Nickerson score their first win of the season.

In three semi-final matches: Watts & Nickerson defeated Fraser & Payne 46-43 in an inter "A" contest; Nelson Brothers downed General Motors 34-28 in an inter "B" fixture, and CCC won 56-44 over Gordon & Anderson in a senior "A" play-off.

The Watts & Nickerson crew played steady ball from the start and staved off a last quarter rally by Fraser & Payne. It was the first game of a best-of-three series. Second game will be played next Saturday.

Winner of the series plays North Stars for the title.

Bob MacFarlane led point-getters with 13, followed by Sedgwick with 12. Fred Kristmanson led Fraser and Payne with 11 points and Terry Shenton got eight.

In the first game of the evening, Nelson Brothers, led by R. Morven, who got 10 points, won their first game of the semi-finals. They took an early lead and held it throughout. T. Shenton was best man for the Motors, with 11.

The pulpmill crew evened the best-of-three semi-final in the senior "B" race by downing G & A. Led by Sid Scherck, who got 21 points, CCC staged a terrific last quarter drive out-playing the opposition 24-8 for their victory.

Coach Pop Pay came into the game for the final quarter and bagged five points to aid in his team's cause. F. Christensen got 15 points and B. Sundberg scored 11.

R. Holkestad was best man for G & A with 21 points and Joe Davis was next best with 11.



PAUL RONTY of New York Rangers is making his move to the top ranks of the National Hockey League's point-getters. One of the main factors in Rangers' bid for a possible playoff berth, the 25-year-old centre has moved into the fifth-place tie with Bernie Geoffrion of Montreal. Each player has 46 points. In 59 games Ronty piled up 13 goals and 33 assists. Ronty, a native of Toronto, broke into the NHL with Boston in 1947.

Hockey Scores

WHL Saturday
Calgary 6, Saskatoon 2.
Edmonton 6, New Westminster 3.
Vancouver 7, Seattle 5.
Sunday
Seattle 8, Edmonton 3.
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B. C. Has Good Chance To Win Curling Title

VANCOUVER (CP) — If experience means much, skip Elwyn C. (Bung) Cartmell of a Vancouver rink stands a good chance of winning the Canadian curling championship at Edmonton which got underway today.

Cartmell, from West Vancouver, is making the championships for the third time in 16 years. He threw third rock in 1938 when the Ab Gowanlock rink from Glenboro, Man., won the Canadian title and carried the hopes of the province in 1950 Dominion tournament. The B.C.

rink finished fifth that year. Bung, who picked up his nickname years ago by his robust style of knocking opposing rocks out of the house, skipped quarter through the provincial play-offs without a loss at Trail, B.C. early in February. He has been considered Vancouver's finest skip since he arrived here five years ago.

FROM MANITOBA

Cartmell, who has been curling 30 years, has a well-balanced rink. All four, originally from Manitoba, came to the coast within the last five years.

The lead, Reg Fry, throws with a feather touch. From Hartney, Man., he started curling as a youth but pressure of business took a 20-year-bite out of his career. He made his comeback last year.

Jimmy Dickson, second, can also draw in where Bung wants the rock and will guard or take out with equal ease. He also curled with Gowanlock in Manitoba and has been skipping his own rink here.

Les Kitsen, third, a native of Portage la Prairie has been curling for 28 years. He played with Bung in Glenboro and is a veteran of the annual Winnipeg bonspiel.

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Results: Tynymites 4, Dominions 0; Four Aces 1, Luckies 3; M & M's 4, Timberticks 0.

Calgary Horse Fails to Place

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — The King Ranch's favored Rejected, a four-year-old bay with a rather drab history for winning races, brightened the picture tremendously Saturday with a furious stretch run to capture the \$143,000 Santa Anita Handicap.

Jockey Willie Shoemaker brought the brown Kentucky colt up from a dead last position to win the \$105,900 top prize by 1 1/4 lengths over the pace setting Imbros, and Cyclotron, a longshot, ran third, a length behind.

Indian Hemp, the second choice, owned by Alberta Ranches of Calgary, finished a disappointing fifth and was never in contention, balking Johnny Longden's attempt to win the rich fixture for the fourth time. Indian Hemp's stablemate, Thirteen of Diamonds, was a late scratch.



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The Scrapbook

(Past and present in the Sports World)

By JACK CLUET-JESSOME

When was ice hockey started in Canada, or anywhere else? This has been a question discussed for some years. Some say much later than 1879.

An old clipping which we happen to have may have the right answer. Frederic Hague, who died in Montreal in 1931 was a student of McGill University and was a member of its team, wrote long ago the following:

"Ice hockey originated at McGill during the winter of 1879-80. There was no ice hockey in Canada or anywhere in North America until then. As regards the claims that hockey was first played in Ottawa in 1828, that is entirely wrong. Hockey was introduced into Ottawa in the middle 80's by A. P. Low and some other boys who were in our class at McGill, and who went to Ottawa to take positions in the survey department."

That's that, and if anyone has a different answer, let's have it. Canadian Indians played a game called Baggataway and the French-Canadians called it lacrosse—but lacrosse had nothing to do with hockey, history readers say. To claim the Indians originated a game played on ice with skates is obviously wrong, because the severe Canadian winters made the Natives think more of getting food than of playing games, the late McGill student had added in his report.

HOCKEY CARNIVALS

McGill University staged the first ice hockey carnivals in 1882-83-84. In 1896 the Montreal A.A. was formed. It is said that a team of good players was organized in the season of 1930-31 and which became the McGill University Hockey Club.

Not to be confused with the above, "field" hockey dates back to the dimmest of dim ages. In a crude form it was played in ancient Rome and Greece and later in Asia.

THE HART TROPHY

Several trophies, besides the championship cups are awarded in the big hockey league and one of them is probably the most popular, the Dr. David A. Hart Trophy—for most valuable player—and its popularity may be due to the list of winners made up of a number of outstanding players. The cup came into being in the season of 1923-24.

The late Howarth "Howie" Morenz, one of the most colorful players hockey has even known, was a three-time winner of the trophy, in 1927-28, 1930-31 and 1931-32 and in these seasons was a member of the

Montreal Canadiens. "Howie", we will recall, turned professional with the Canadiens in 1923, the same season the Hart Trophy was put up.

After a great career in hockey playing the famous athlete sustained a broken leg in February, 1937, and on March 8 of the same year the hockey world was shocked to learn of his death. In memory of the great hockeyist officials of the league staged an All-Star NHL memorial game in Montreal on November 2, 1937.

"Howie" as he was better known to his team-mates and fans is said to have played his first hockey with the Stratford team in 1921 and in the following season joined the intermediate division. In the professional division "Howie" saw action with the Chicago Black Hawks, New York Rangers and the Montreal Canadiens and had led NHL in scoring in 1928 and 1931. He was born on Sept. 21, 1902, Mitchell, Ontario.

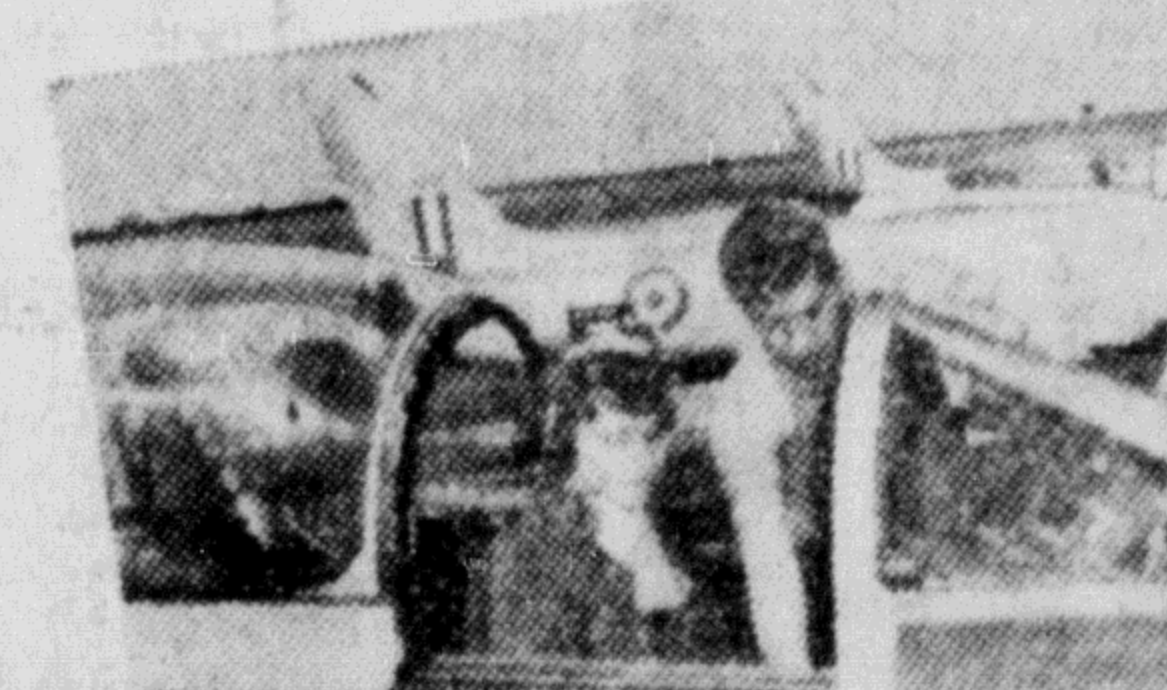
DEFIED THE FOE

Skating is extremely popular in Canada; but it is outstanding and very exciting to the Norwegian sportsmen, so much they loved the grand sport—they defied the foe.

To London via the underground channels about 100 Norwegian ski jumpers made their way in ones and twos to a hill near Oslo to hold their national championship. This occurred during a period in the late world war. All was quiet because this great meeting was under the ban of the Nazis.

The jumpers were brave and great lovers of their national sport. The first competitor made his jump. The second and third had gone speeding down the hill when the anti-flying Gestapo men appeared.

The Norwegian sportsmen stood defiant. The Gestapo, to make a show of authority, arrested 25 of the leading ski jumpers of Norway. Among them were the three Ruud brothers, Sigmond, Birgen and Asbjorn, all former Olympic and world's champions, and Johan Hannes, Norway's best lawn tennis player.



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TORONTO SHUTTLE STARS RETAIN CANADIAN TITLES

VANCOUVER (CP) — Two Toronto stars, Mary Smythe, retained their crowns as Canadian champions at the Canadian championships here by winning four of the five open titles.

Men's and women's singles titlists, they doubled men's and women's doubles titles with Joan Purcell, also of Toronto, while the Vancouver duo of Bardsley and Daryl Thomson took the mixed doubles.

Jean Waring of Calgary and Harold Moody of a pair of 15-year-olds, won the junior singles championship.



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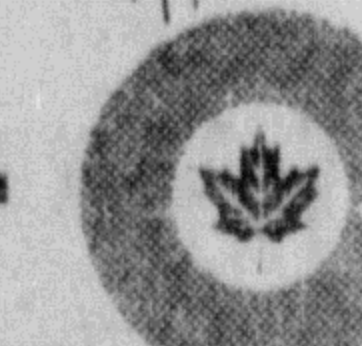
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