



IN THIS CORNER

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According to confusing stories in two Vancouver dailies and none whatsoever from Canadian Press, the British Columbia boxing team has been chosen by the B.C. Amateur Boxing Commission. The manner in which the choice was made and the inability of the BCABA to follow through on its selection leaves much to be desired.

In fact, the whole business of naming this representative squad, supposedly from boxers all over B.C., puts the BCABA in a very poor light, so poor that it is almost on a par with that other bumbling body the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

The reason for our ire is because Andy Marshall, Prince Rupert's 1954 Golden Gloves middleweight champion was not informed of when he was to take part in any of the three announced elimination fight cards, he wasn't told which of the cards at which he was supposed to appear and even when the final card was announced he wasn't mentioned as being a contestant. All of this mind you, after the BCABC had nominated Marshall as one of the boxers to take part in any elimination contest. Of course they listed Marshall as being from Vancouver instead of Prince Rupert, but unless this is put down to Vancouver's customary habit of claiming anything or anyone who would bring in extra laurels, then it must go into the records as still another boner on the part of the BCABC.

The slap-happy method with which the whole BEG boxing trial "dress rehearsal" was conducted is emphasized by the fact that the commission named 10 boxers to the team and then announced that four of them may not make the trip to the Toronto trials May 13, 14 and 15 because of lack of funds.

The boxers, in the order they were chosen are as follows: Norm Jorgenson, 147 lbs.; Buddy Pearson, 126 lbs.; Bill Adams, 132 lbs.; Billy Stone, 126 lbs.; Steve Phare, 156 lbs.; Gerry Boucher, 112 lbs.; Jack Barclay, 139 lbs.; Gordie McDonald, 139 lbs.; Bill McCready, 180 lbs., and Trent Ketcheson, 165 lbs. Neither Stone nor Pearson fought in the eliminations, BCABC officials being unable to find opponents for them.

Much to the joy of the financially embarrassed commission the Army will pay the shot for heavyweight McCready, the Navy will ensure that Ketcheson gets there and the commission hopes that the Air Force will do the same for Boucher. The money-short boxing group was dealt an added blow below the belt by the fact that less than 500 fight fans were scattered in the vastness of Exhibition Gardens to watch the supposed "trials."

However, Prince Rupert fight fans, wishing to see that their local boy isn't by-passed by all this southern inhospitality, should take heart.

If money is what it takes to get a boxer to the BEG trials in Toronto, then Andy Marshall is doubly worthy of consideration. The Elks Lodge, who sponsored the Marshall-Ketcheson return bout for just this purpose should be able to see that the city's BEG contender goes down there without any trouble at all. There should be something like \$800 in the kitty which would cover both Marshall's trip to Toronto and also ensure him going to Vancouver to the Games between July 30 and August 7.

We suggest that Maurice Bishop, presently training the city's senior boxing club or the Elks Lodge boxing committee immediately contact the BCABC and ask if there's anything to stop Marshall going providing it won't cost the commission anything.

Since a member of the commission itself has already voiced the opinion that British Columbia will be lucky to place two men on the Canadian BEG boxing team, the BCABC should welcome the offer.

Stampeders Sink Aces 8-1 In Edinburgh Cup Opener

CALGARY — Calgary Stampeders, champions of the Western Hockey League, thumped a somewhat befuddled Quebec Aces squad 8-1 before close to 9,000 fans Tuesday night to take the first game of their best-of-nine series for the Edinburgh Trophy. This is the first year the trophy has been up for competition.

Second game of the series will be played here Thursday night and the third at Edmonton Saturday night.

The game was a lack-lustre affair although Stampeders were full value for their win.

Steve Black led the scoring parade with two goals. Singletons were scored by Johnny Michalak, Sid Finney, Jim McFadden, Steve Wituk, Archie Scott and Frank Ashworth.

The lone Quebec goal was scored by Adam Brown in the first period.

The Stampeders, who Saturday won the WHL title by eliminating Vancouver Canucks,

went without two of their ace centres, Pat Lundy and Ray Barry. Lundy, out with a heel injury, is expected to return to action at the week-end. Barry is out for the season with a stomach ailment.

Aces, champions of the Quebec hockey circuit, had Jack Gelineau in the nets but he was unable to stem the Stampeders' forwards. Lorne Nadeau and Bill Burega were missing from the Quebec lineup.

Michalak put Stampeders into the lead early in the first period but Brown got the equalizer about the midway mark. After that it was all Calgary.

Stampeders tore into Quebec territory for three goals in the second period and four more in the final 20 minutes.

The officials handed out four penalties, two to each club, and two figured in the goal-scoring.

In the shots-on-goal department, Brennan kicked out 18 attempts and Gelineau stopped 20.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

DETROIT—Chuck Price, 150, Detroit, outpointed Gene Parker, 149, Indianapolis, 8.

SEATTLE—Dixon Hoxsey, 139, Seattle, stopped Earl McDonald, 143, Vancouver, 5.

HONOLULU—Ramon Fuentes, 147½, Los Angeles, outpointed Frank Fernandez, 146½, Honolulu, 10.

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Bill Brenner Blanks Salem

By The Canadian Press

Vancouver Capilanos handed Salem Senators their first setback of the young Western International baseball league season last night taking them 2-0 on the six-hit hurling of pitcher-manager Bill Brenner.

Victoria Tyces edged Tri-City Braves 9-8, Yakima Bears downed Wenatchee 9-4 and Edmonton turned back Lewiston 5-2.

Jim Clark and Ken Richardson scored the Capilanos' two runs at Vancouver. Richardson singled Clark home in the first and in the fourth Richardson scored on an error by catcher Lloyd Ogden.

Jack Hemphill matched Brenner's six-hitter and retired the Capilanos in order in the last four innings.

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