

VICTORIA (CP) — Nanaimo Clippers evened their final commercial Hockey League playoff with Victoria Merchants at one game each with a 4-1 triumph over the Victorians before 1,345 fans last night.

The Scrapbook

(Past and present in the Sports World)

By JACK CLUET-JESSOME



CAMILLE HENRY, forward with New York Rangers of the National Hockey League, is among the top contenders for the rookie-of-the-year award in the NHL. Henry, one of the lightest players in the NHL, considering his height, had 24 goals and 15 assists in 64 games. He scored four goals in the first two periods when the Rangers defeated Detroit Red Wings 5-2 at Detroit. Henry played with Quebec Citadelle Juniors of the Quebec League last year.

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KNUCKLES, GLOVES — Many questions have made the rounds from time to time in regard to gloves and bare knuckle fighters. It will be interesting to note that John L. Sullivan was the last champion under London Prize Ring rules with knuckles and the first under the revised rules and Marquis of Queensberry rules with gloves.

John L. Sullivan, better known in by-gone days as "The Boston Strong Boy", was born in Boston, Mass., Oct. 15, 1853 and was just short of one and a half inch from the six-foot height mark and four pounds less from the 200-pound weight.

During his brilliant career John L. engaged in 39 bouts and won twenty of them, credited with 12 KOs, one no-decision, 3 draws, 2 exhibitions and was knocked out once. The great fighter died on Feb. 8, 1918, at Abington, Mass.

BILLIARDS A MYSTERY — In your poor or billiard or pool-room you'll play several assortment of games on the tables, at the modern style. Lou don't see much of old style, four-ball carom, 18.1 balkline, 18.2 balkline, three cushion and pocket billiard now days.

The first billiard championship match (old style) played in the U.S.A., was in 1859. Games were played on a 6 x 12 four-pocket table, with four balls, pushing and crocheting allowed, 2,000 points caroms. The first champ was M. Phelan, 1859 to 1862.

Billiards is another sport of mysterious and greatly disputed origin, with France, England, Ireland, Spain, Germany, Italy, China and a few other countries putting in a claim. Historians cast a vote for Egypt, and admit that the Greeks had a sport like billiards popular about 400 BC.

Frenchmen feel that the real origin of modern billiards was in France; and England claimed it too. The Irish scoff at both these countries and pointed to the fact that when Cathke More (Conn Cetchathach), King of Ireland in the second century, died, he left 50 billiard balls made of brass, and cues also made of brass. All in all, billiards remains a mystery.

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Hopkins Scores 708 League Highs
D. Hopkins captured double honors in the Local 709 Mixed bowling league Friday when he rolled 283 to win men's high single and also took men's high three with a score of 754.

B. Emerson took ladies high single with 240 and G. Bouchard with 607 captured ladies' high three.

Woodbutchers racked up 1162 to win team high single and Hotshots put together three games totaling 3094 to take team high three.

Standings: Hotshots and Tiger Cats 53; Woodbutchers 47; Powerhouse and Maniacs 44; Boom Cats 43; Atoms 41; Shearpins 39; Sparks 35; Digesters 35; Gremlins 22; Handicaps 21.

LOOE, England (CP) — The Shark Angling Club of Great Britain, formed at this Cornwall port a year ago, now reports 285 members have landed 285 sharks to date. The biggest, landed recently off Dorset, weighed 236 pounds.

REMEMBER WHEN
Cambridge University set a record of 18 minutes 3 seconds in beating Oxford in the annual boat race on the Thames 29 years ago today. Cambridge also holds the current record of 17:50 for the 4 1/4-mile course, established in 1948.

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By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

"Passing The Buck" Is A Well-Known Bridge Trick

If a good defensive play is overlooked, Mr. Heinsite always refers to it in the same way. That is, if he is the one who missed it, he calls it an impossible play to make. If his partner misses it, he unfailingly calls it an obvious play.

See if you think his criticism in today's deal was reasonable.

Against the four spade contract Mr. Abel took the first two tricks with the king and queen of clubs. He then shifted to the four of spades and Mr. Masters won with the eight spot.

VOID LOSS OF TRICKS
The problems for Mr. Masters was to avoid the loss of two diamond tricks. Since Mr. Abel had put in a double, it was probable that he held the king of diamonds and as the defenders also had jack and 10 of the suit, it seemed unlikely that a straight finesse or series of finesses would be the winning line of play.

Mr. Masters decided his best bet was to try for an end play on Mr. Abel. At trick three he led a heart and finessed dummy's queen. When this held, he cashed the ace of hearts and discarded the deuce of diamonds.

MISTAKE RECOGNIZED
Next he led dummy's last club and ruffed it. Now he entered dummy with a spade to the king. He returned a heart and instead of ruffing, discarded the nine of diamonds. Mr. Abel was in with the king of hearts and had no safe return. Clearly, a club lead would enable Mr. Masters to get rid of still another diamond, while ruffing in dummy. So the return was a low diamond which went into the ace-queen and gave Mr. Masters his contract.

After some thought even he didn't see it at first! Mr. Heinsite said Mr. Abel should have played the 10 on the first heart lead and the king of hearts under the ace. That way it would be Mr. Heinsite who would have the high heart left and Mr. Abel could not be thrown in the lead. What do you think — was it an "obvious" play for Mr. Abel to make?

South dealer.		North (Mr. Dale)	
N and S vulnerable.		S-K 6 3	
		H-A Q 9 4	
		D-6 5 4	
		C-10 7 5	
West		East	
(Mr. Abel)	(Mr. Heinsite)		
S-J 4	S-7 2		
H-K 10 5	H-J 8 7 3 2		
D-10 7	D-J 8 3		
C-A K Q 8 6	C-J 4 3		
South (Mr. Masters)			
S-A Q 10 9 8 5			
H-6			
D-A Q 9 2			
C-9 2			
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