

## IN THIS CORNER

DICK AYRES

The "big left hook, with swinging right and head-down" system of boxing came unstuck Saturday night.

It crossed up **Andy Marshall** and it failed **Chuck Place**. Only on a couple of occasions did it do **Mouse Morrison** any good. Where Joe Ward's boys expected to land the crushing blows on the right hand side of their opponent's jaws they found a glove there or were themselves pushed off balance. Time and time again both Place and Morrison found themselves tucked under their opponent's left arms peering at the cheering crowd.

The tried and true straight left, delivered with the chin tucked inside the left shoulder was conspicuous by its absence in all three Ward fighters. The straight right shot from the shoulder, with the side of the face protected by the right shoulder wasn't used.

The age old geometrical fact that the shortest distance between two points is a "straight line" was ignored. It was a pity. When Mouse's left did connect, his head was level with his opponent's knees. When Chuck did score with his hooking left he promptly went into a clinch. Every clinch is tiring to the man being leaned on, but the way the Rupert boys went in with their heads down, eyes off their opponents was asking for trouble.

Joe says that his boys didn't do as they were told. Maybe he's right. Andy certainly didn't follow many of the things he was taught or that he had learned in his ring career. He went in like a lamb to the slaughter, to the 23-year-old Trent Ketcheson who was afraid that Joe had given Andy all the answers to pull a repeat performance of his March 5 victory. But caution was gone, Andy wanted to get in the blow that would floor Ketcheson and cool him quickly. But he, too, went in with head down in the second round only to meet an uppercut that lifted him in an arc onto his back.

But there was one good fight that night, and few will dispute the fact that **Maurice Bishop** gave the crowd and young **Bill Watts** a boxing lesson that is to be remembered. When Maurice ducked his eyes never left Watts. Every time Maurice kicked his foot Watts' eyes dropped and two more of Bishop's left jabs were in his face, followed by a right to the mid-section. The right that floored Watts was straight from the shoulder. It was a wonderful show from a man that hadn't been in the ring for nearly a dozen years and who has a mangled right hand from a train accident. But Maurice's years of fighting in the British army showed to wonderful advantage, and in our humble opinion Maurice should have got the Elks best boxer award.

Ketcheson didn't think that he'd won it. He said so. But since the powers that be were insistent that he get it he naturally didn't turn it down.

Without a doubt the 1100 fight fans who crowded into the Civic Centre Saturday night got their money's worth. It wasn't a spectacular card, but it was smoothly run by the Elks' Lodge, and there was plenty of action to keep the paying customers happy. The self same customers contributed approximately \$1,730 gross and when income tax, entertainment tax, trophies, rent, new gloves and incidentals are paid for they should net about \$1,000.

Whether the money will be used for the purpose planned remains to be seen. If **Andy Marshall** decides to continue his quest of British Empire Games honors, he will be able to do so. He knows that so far as last year is concerned he has met the best amateur middleweight Canada has to offer. Whether this year there will be some lad who didn't get to the Dominion championships in 1953, waiting along the trail, he doesn't know. Nor does Trent Ketcheson. Even if both boys end up in the BEG eliminations they may not meet again. Someone might remove one or the other from each other's path. If they do meet again they're all square now and both should have learned valuable lessons.

Ketcheson learned something as late as Saturday night when he watched Bishop's straight left. Andy learned something too . . . not to forget the referee's word of caution "protect yourself at all times."

We were quite impressed with **Ab Hart's** two Terrace youngsters and also with **Martin Saunders** boys. They're shaping up good and if they remember that training is 90 per cent of becoming a good boxer and that the fights are only ten per cent, they should make out okay . . . if they remember what they've been taught when they're in the ring.

Two outfits are struggling for life in this city . . . the **Rupert Football Association** boys want support badly to prevent a good game dying out. Any new or old players, helpers, fans, anyone who knows anything about the game is direly needed and **Maurice Bishop** is the man to see . . . the other life-seeker is the newly-born **Pony Baseball League** which needs adults to guide half a hundred boys through their first season of organized baseball. Offshoots of the official **Little League** the 13, 14 and 15-year-olds shouldn't be allowed to lose a chance of increasing their baseball education by playing every week during the summer in a proper league. But adult help is needed badly, people are wanted who are willing to sacrifice their valuable time to a good cause. Let's not let the kids down.

### Clayton Heads New Baseball Group

A temporary executive was elected last night at an organizational meeting of the **Prince Rupert Pony League** baseball association, held at the Civic Centre.

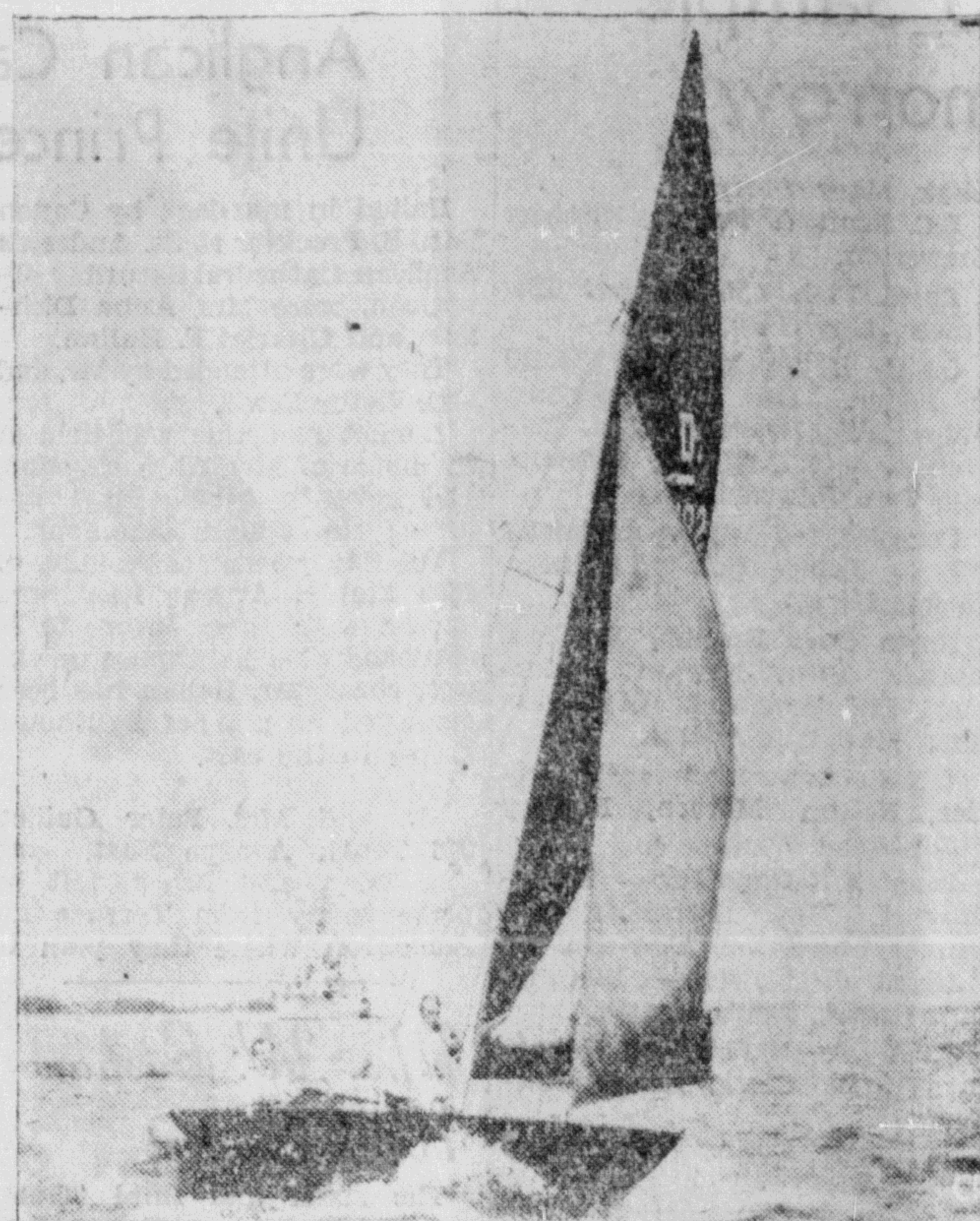
Elected president was **Ross Clayton** with **Maurice Scott** as vice-president. **Harley Lewis** is the secretary-treasurer.

The meeting which saw about 15 boys and 12 adults turn out, was optimistic that a three-team unofficial Pony league could be formed for play this year. A ways and means committee was formed to approach sponsors and acquire finances. It is believed that two sponsors have already expressed willingness to finance two of the teams. About 55 boys are now registered as prospects for the new league.

It was also decided to contact the senior baseball association executive to see if it would be possible for them to absorb three or four 16-year-olds into

the senior league. After a discussion of age groups, players and coaches, it was planned to call a mass workout Saturday, April 10, between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. The workout will be supervised by senior ball-players and other interested persons who wish to help the newly-formed league.

Another meeting of the Pony League association will be called within a week in an effort to boost attendance by adults.



**THE QUEEN** and Duke of Edinburgh have accepted an invitation from the Canadian Yachting Association to send their yacht **Bluebottle** to Canada to take part in a series of races in Montreal and Toronto next summer. A dragon-class boat, the **Bluebottle** was given to the Queen and Duke as a wedding present by the Isle of Wight sailing club. This picture shows the Duke at the helm of the **Bluebottle**.

### Schmitt Leads Maple Leafs To 8-5 Win Over Penticton

By The Canadian Press  
Playing coach **Willie Schmidt** has given his **Nelson Maple Leafs** a firm grasp on the **Savage Cup**, emblematic of senior amateur hockey supremacy in B.C.

**Schmidt**, a defenceman with **Penticton V's** last year, turned on his old teammates with a vengeance in **Trail** Monday night as the Leafs ground out an 8-5 win over **Penticton**. He scored three goals in a row to spark a five-goal **Nelson** outburst in the second period.

The win gives **Nelson** a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Western Canada Allan Cup semi-final series. One game ended in a tie. The fourth game is scheduled in **Trail** Wednesday.

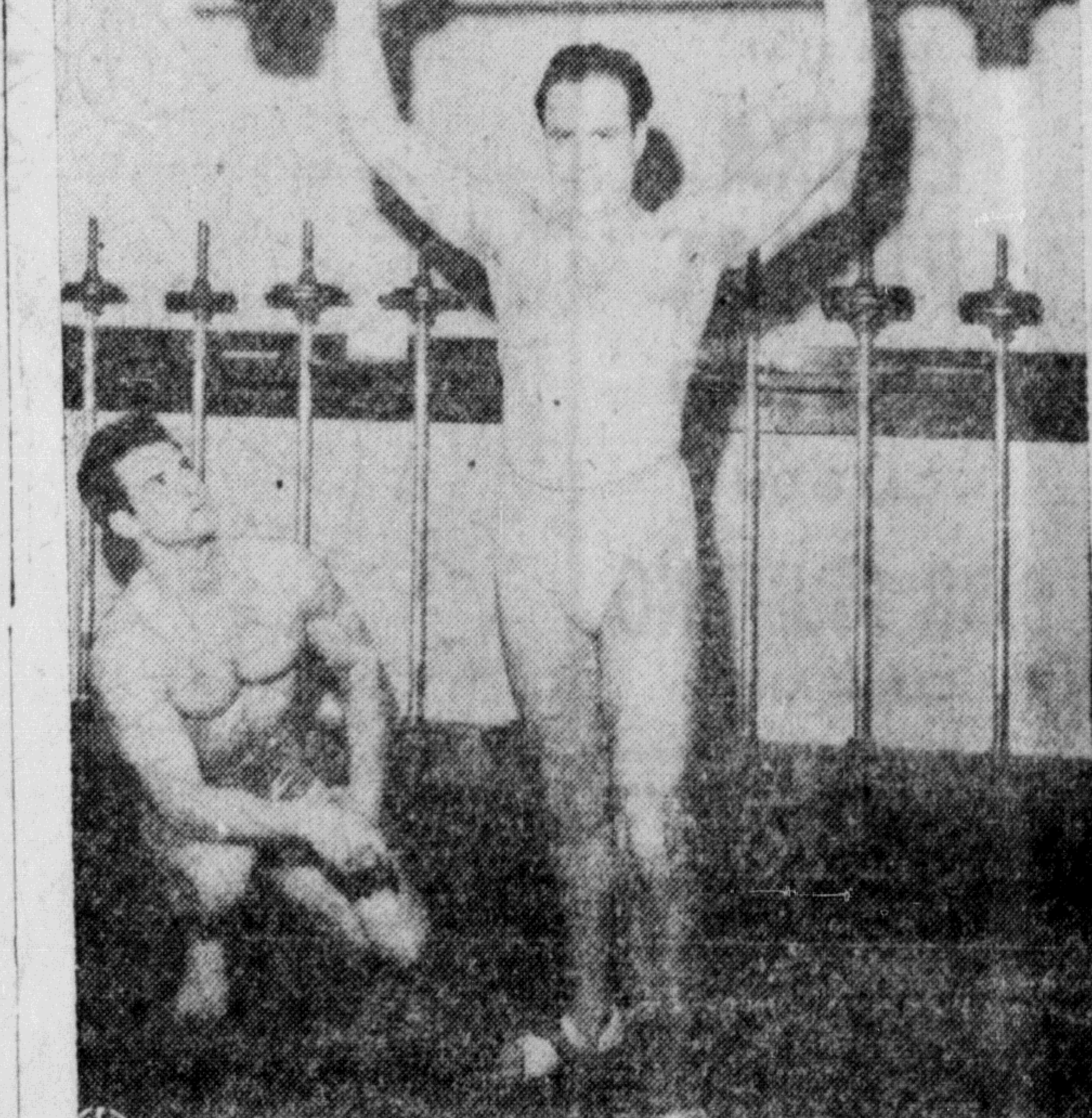
In a wild third period that **Penticton's Bill Warwick** was tossed out of the game for attacking the referee with a stick. **Brother Grant Warwick** picked up five minutes for fighting in the same period as he tangled with **Ernie Gare**, rugged **Nelson** rearguard, in a fistie display. **Gare** also spent five minutes in the cooler.

**Don Appleton** got two goals for **Leafs** and **Mickey Maglio**, **Herb Lovett** and **Jimmy Lowe** added the others. For **Penticton**, **Jim McDonald** produced a three-goal effort, while **Grant Warwick** and **Jack McIntyre** added singletons.

**TORONTO**—Virginia Grant, Toronto Aquatic Club's 16-year-old swimming star, smashed two Canadian junior records at a meet here Monday night.

She completed the 40-yard free style in 21.4 seconds, beating the old mark of 22 seconds set by **Dorothy Kerr** of the **Border City Swimming Club**, Windsor, in 1935. She also swam the 40-yard backstroke in 25.5 seconds, beating the previous best time of 25.8 established by **Leonora Fisher** of **Ocean Falls, B.C.**, in 1952.

**Einar Klip** led the **B.C. champions** with two goals, singles coming from **Les Christensen** and **Dave Nicol**. **Red Fonteyne** and **Bing Merluk** scored for **Ponoka Stampede**s.



**GEORGE LONDON**, bass-baritone of the Metropolitan Opera, gets some expert advice on "curling" bar-bells from **Steve** (Mr. Universe) **Reeves**. Mr. London, an athlete in his own right, believes daily workouts are essential not only for his physical fitness but for his voice.

**TOKYO** (Reuters)—The **Kenora Thistles** completed a victorious 10-match hockey tour of Japan when they scored a fifth win here today over the all-Japan team, 12-7.

### Habitant Switch Likely If Punch Line Falterers

By W. R. WHEATLEY  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

**DETROIT**—The possibility of a shakeup in **Montreal Canadiens'** starting lines began to crystallize early today and there were two situations in the making. One was borne of undisguised concern among the **Montreal** higher brass and the other of necessity.

They dealt with the ineffectual work of the first line and a knee injury that may keep **little Paul Meger** out of action.

The punch line of **Maurice Richard**, **Ken Mosdell** and **Bert Olmstead** hasn't scored a point in five **Stanley Cup** playoff games so far. Their ineptness reached the state of acuteness Sunday night when **Detroit Red Wings** banged out a 3-1 win in the opening game of the cup final.

Dick Irvin, coach of the cup

defenders, said Monday night: "I haven't made up my mind yet. But if that line doesn't get going there will be changes all right and they could come right in the middle of Tuesday's game."

#### LACH NOT INVOLVED

Asked if **Elmer Lach**, veteran centre, figured in any possible plans, **Irvin** replied: "No, not now."

**Irvin** also said he is considering using five defencemen and working only three intact lines, a departure from his opening game strategy of four full lines and four defencemen.

While **Detroit's** first line of **Gord Howe**, **Ted Lindsay** and **Alex Delvecchio** has gladdened the heart of coach **Tommy Ivan**, the failure of **Richard** to score has baffled the **Montreal** followers.

While **Canadiens** did all the worrying, **Red Wings** remained at their **Toledo** hideout, 60 miles away confidently awaiting the second game.

If the **Wings** win the second game the odds on them to take the series will zoom.

The **Wings** now are 2-to-1 favorites or a little better to take the series.

Word came from **Toledo** that **Ivan** hasn't the slightest intention of monkeying with the winning combination that turned aside **Toronto Maple Leafs** in the semi-final and now has the jump on **Canadiens**.

### Exciting Cage Series This Weekend

The 1953-54 season's final basketball extravaganza is slated for Friday and Saturday of this week when **Manson's Omegas**, Senior B league champions and playoff winners take on the **Bo-Me-Hi Rainmakers** in a two-game series for the championship of **Prince Rupert**.

In addition to this meeting of the city's top teams in a special feature which will bring together two teams made up of former **Prince Rupert "greats"** in a Northern European versus Southern European contest.

**Bo-Me-Hi Rainmakers** under the guidance of **Jack Evans** will be going all out to try and accomplish what they just failed to do in the **Civic Centre Rourid Robin** tournament when they were edged by **Bill McChesney's** powerful **Omegas**.

Coach **Alfredo Calderoni** of the Southern European descent group said that his team will consist of **Severino Dominato**, **Vernon Bernardino Ciccone**, **Nicola Gurvich**, **Nicola Pavlikis**, **Nick Mazzoni**, **Bruno Pettenuzzo**, **Giuseppe** and **Carlo Giordano**.

Coach of the North Europeans, **Art Murray** lists his team as follows with more to be added: **Angus Macphie**, **Jack Lindsay**, **Mella** and **Helge Holkestad**, **Ted** and **Don Arney**, **Herbie Morgan**.

### Last Night's Fights

**Brooklyn**—**Ralph Tiger Jones**, 157, New York, defeated **Billy McNeese**, 160½, Central Islip, N.Y., 10.

**Detroit**—**Duke Harris**, 149, Detroit, stopped Irish **Bob Finerty**, 152, Cleveland 5.

**Holyoke, Mass.**—**Andre Tessier**, 164½, Springfield, Mass., defeated **Al Anderson**, 166½, Long Island City, N.Y., 8.

**Bangor, Me.**—**Charlie Chase**, 162, Montreal, defeated **Charlie Babcock**, 168, Bangor, Me. 10.

### EXHIBITION BASEBALL

**Milwaukee** N 0, **Brooklyn** N 6, **Washington** A 4, **Cincinnati** N 9, **Pittsburgh** N 1, **Philadelphia** A 0, **Chicago** N 2, **Baltimore** A 0, **New York** N 8, **Cleveland** A 10, **Detroit** A 8, **Philadelphia** N 2, **New York** A 12, **Charlotte** SAL 3, **St. Louis** N 2, **Chicago** A 6, **Boston** A 5, **Memphis** SA 6, **Ottawa** IL 7, **Richmond** IL 6.

**OLD MEASURE**  
An anker as a measure of wine and spirits in England years ago was equal to about 10 gallons.

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### Executive Sets Practice Times For Ball Clubs

The three senior baseball teams will follow a set schedule for practices it was decided by a meeting of the **Prince Rupert** baseball executive.

At a meeting attended by **Rusty Ford** for **Gordon** and **Anderson**, **Miner Simundsen** for **Commercial Hotel** and **Don Hawryluk** for **Esquires** and **Baseball Commissioner Stan Morin**, it was laid down that the new system for practices should start last night with **Commercial Hotel** players taking their first practice at **Roosevelt Park**.

**Gordon** and **Anderson** take their first practice tonight and **Esquires** get the park tomorrow night. Thursday night it will be **Commercial Hotel** again and Friday night **G & A**. Monday night **Esquires** will start off the new week.

Also settled was Sunday practice with **G & A** practicing until 12 noon, **Commercial Hotel** from 12 until 2 p.m. and **Esquires** 2 p.m. on.

The executive also set June 1 for the deadline for player registration with a maximum of 15 players per team allowed. The meeting decided that the **Prince Rupert** Baseball association would not affiliate with the **British Columbia Amateur** association nor with the **National Baseball Congress**.

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