

# The DAILY NEWS SPORTS

## on the ALLEYS



Bill Bray turned in some of the finest scoring of the season for the Mixed Bowling League last week, capturing both honors with a 339 single and 727 total. Bray bowls in B Division. In the same division, Isla Hague brought down both high scores for the ladies with 254 and 643. Prince Rupert Plumbing garnered team honors with scores of 1,186 and 3,246.

In A Division, Ian Dunbar turned in the high single score of 291, while Steve Dzyapka rolled a high total of 739. For the ladies, Elsie Anderson rolled 272 high single and Marie Richards bowled an even 666 for high total. The Pushovers nabbed both team honors with 1,334 and 3,632.

A few favored a complete break from the present system of promotion and relegation, while one "old timer" suggested the promotion-relegation plan should be extended to four teams in each league instead of two as at present.

One wag wrote: "Arrange things so that every club can produce a winner and you will soon pack the terraces."

Results  
A Division—Can. Gen. Electric 4, Canada Life 0, Wallace's 4, Penguin Hobby 0, Fashion Footwear 4, Hill's Shoe Store 4, Cantel's 4, Shenton's S.M. 0, Great West Life 3, Cook's Jewellers 1, Headpinners 2, Pushovers 2.  
B Division—Red Devils 4, 383 Cabs 0, P.R. Plumbing 3, Pioneer

### Hoop Play-offs This Week-end

PORT ALBERNI.—Third of the best three out of five Senior "A" basketball semi-final series between Vancouver Eilers and Port Alberni will be played here Friday. So far each team has won one game.

Winners will meet winners of Prince Rupert and Penticton whose semi-final series starts at Penticton this week-end.

## Attendance Drop Worries Sponsors of London Soccer

LONDON (CP)—Sponsors of Big Time soccer in Britain are frantically seeking an answer to the sharp drop in attendance during the past two years.

Unless something is done quickly to revive the fading interest, officials believe the drop in gate receipts this season may run as much as 25 per cent from the peak years. In the boom season of 1949-50 it is estimated more than 40,000,000 customers poured through the turnstiles of the Football League clubs.

The dry rot has not been confined to teams struggling at the tail-end of the league standing, or the less opulent clubs whose financial plight prevents them entering the highly-competitive market in search of reinforcements. Most of the Third Division clubs have been affected and even First Division favorites have been hit, including Aston Villa, Manchester United and Fulham which toured Canada last summer.

So far the attendance drop has not seriously touched the more powerful clubs such as Tottenham Hotspurs, last year's league champions; London's colorful Arsenal; Newcastle, the cup holders, nor some of the others that fared well in the cup draw. But the boys who control the purse strings say the slump should serve as a warning even to clubs still playing to packed stands and terraces.

What to do about the problem? Norman Bassett, director of West Bromwich Albion, suggests the spectator drift could be halted by introduction of organized showmanship at league games and by reducing the length of the season by playing more matches under floodlights.

On the managerial side he also thinks something should be done to improve the conduct and control of soccer. The rules, he says, should be revised to speed up the game, fees for referees raised, and players paid more loyalty and efficiency money.

Some of the disgruntled fans have also offered their advice through newspaper columns. The burden of their complaint is that too great emphasis is being placed on defensive play. Like most Canadian hockey fans they are dead set against kitty-bar-the-door tactics. They want free-wheeling action and plenty of goals, not time-wasting kicks into touch nor a solidly-packed

## Alberta Sports Editor Passes

RED DEER.—Known throughout Alberta for his interest in sport, Ernie Wells, 46, died here from the effects of a heart attack. He was sports editor of the Red Deer Advocate.



NEW BRUNSWICK CHAMPIONS—New Brunswick's entry in the Canadian Curling championships, Ralph Limerick's Fredericton rink, didn't get very far and were beaten. Left to right, are: Dick Malloy, second; C. G. Cartwright, lead. Standing, left to right, are: Ralph Limerick, skip; Arthur McF. Limerick, third. (CP PHOTO)

OLD JUMPER—Yvette Williams, 22-year-old New Zealander, broke the world broad jump record by 1 1/4 inches. The record was not recognized since there was a slight resistance. She is New Zealand's chief hope in the games at Helsinki this summer. (CP PHOTO)

## Oldsters, Youngsters Combine in Colorful Basketball Display

The "stars of yesterday" combined with the cage rats of today in a colorful and fun-riden exhibition hoop display last night to rack up 115 points between the two teams with only a margin of one point between them. White Challengers won over the

Reds 58-57. The two points were chalked by veteran Jack Lindsay of Whites to the cheers of an "old-timers" supporting crowd. Lindsay went on to score 10 more points for third highest total in game.

Ray Morgan, dead on in his 60s, was a tower of strength for Whites, scoring high with 18 points. Flaten, Davis and Holkestad carried the team along with such other old-timers as Calderoni, Fitch and Moxley.

The Reds, Sev Dominato and Holkestad dusted off their old balls from their shorts and tops. Ray Spring was tops in lineup with a score of 14 points with the final quarter of the game. The Reds could not quite over an earlier lead held by the Whites throughout the

game, a pair of shorts here there fitted a little too tight and a three minute steady rain fell by the heads of persons that training had been forgotten. But the fans enjoying these old-timers in the arena, a feeling twice as strong as by the participants as they named each other and even named for the opposing teams.

## Bruins Take Fourth Place

BOSTON (CP)—Boston Bruins upset the National Hockey League champion Detroit Red Wings 3 to 2 Tuesday night to move two points in front of the New York Rangers in a battle for fourth place and the Stanley Cup play-off spot.

The Boston winger, Fleming Mackell, took a neat pass from the veteran Woody Dumart. It was Mackell's first tally since joining the Bruins from Toronto in January.

Dumart took the puck from Detroit's Marcel Pronovost and fired a long pass right into Mackell's stick.

Boston had to come from behind twice at the Garden to whip the league leaders as they broke a fourth place deadlock with idle New York.

## Native Hoop Tourney Off

Owing to lack of entries, the annual Northern British Columbia native basketball championships which were to have been held at Port Simpson this week, were called off and President Paul Price of the Native Basketball Association says it is unlikely the series will be held this year. However, it may be renewed next year in Prince Rupert. "The strips will now be put into moth balls," Price said, "as the native people have to get back to work."

There were but two challenge entries for the championship trophy now held by Kitkatla. They were Port Simpson and Greenville.

A load of prospective fans for the Simpson tournament was in port yesterday from Metlakatla on the boat Theodore Alsa and were disappointed to find that the competition had been called off. However, they got some consolation from a special local hoop card here last night.

## LETTERBOX

LET'S PLAY CRICKET

Editor, Daily News: Civic government and amateur boxing are world's apart, but when fate brought the two together at a council meeting the other night, it was indicated that the Elks' Boxing Club had an edge over the City Fathers Team, as far as "champions" were concerned. It was noted with regret that one fighter of the city team was inclined to indulge in "low blows." No member of the Elks' Boxing Club had been heard to state whether or not they are enthused over the hobbies or sports of the City Fathers.

Now, George, let's stop "fighting" and "play cricket" for a change. Let the City Council defeat a motion of appreciation if they will, but let no Council member cast aspersions on a bunch of kids whose only platform is being "Good Sports!" RONALD C. BARBOUR.

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