

Ken Watson's Curling



SIZING UP THE ICE

A wily skip knows well that during the first end of a game his real adversary is the ice. Just a few seconds of mind-wandering inattentiveness—a shot mis-directed through giving a player the wrong ice—then the fun begins. You switch from the usual offensive draw game to the desperation of hitting tactics—a few more misses, and presto! Your opponents score a big end. There you are with one end played, three or more points in arrears, and your players still haven't the foggiest conception of what draw-weight is.

Your sacred duty as the captain and field general of your team is to watch every trick in the ice at all times, but more particularly during the first two ends when you are filling away in your mind the topography of every wrinkle on the ice surface. And that goes for each player, too, even though he may indulge in the theory that the skip by virtue of his exalted position should do all the thinking for the rink.

A ten-end game should be sufficient for a real test of skill, despite the claims of some curlers that ten ends is too short if you get off to a bad start. There need be no bad start when the

skip is alert and the players are watchful. If there is, it is more than likely due to ignoring one or more of the following suggestions for observance by skip and player during the first two ends:

FOR THE SKIP

1. If possible, give your lead an in-turn and an out-turn.
2. Do not go out to meet the stone. Stay back and watch its entire course.
3. Call for simple shots to build up team confidence.
4. Allow your players to get the feel of draw weight.

FOR THE PLAYER

1. Watch the progress of every stone carefully, for both in-turn and out-turn pull.
2. When waiting your turn to play, stand behind the hack and watch the course of the rock played preceding your own.
3. To get an idea of draw-weight, watch other rocks, or if you are the lead-off man, nudge a stone a few feet along the ice with your toe and note how easily it glides or how quickly it stops.

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"First End Strategy"

Women Keglars Start League Play

Agnes McLean of Dom's and Bertha Dunbar of Art Murray's set the pace in "A" division Tuesday night as the Ladies' Bowling League got down to bowling in earnest in regular league play. The former rolled 256 for high single and the latter 661 for high three. The league has been divided into "A" and "B" divisions and Tuesday night was first week of 22 weeks play, at the end of which the six top teams will bowl for the season's championship.

Annettes won team high single in "A" division with scores of 1001 and 2737.

In "B" division Mary Keans of McKay's rolled 271 to take high single and Mag Schuman of Prince Rupert Plumbers captured high three with 661. Mary Keans rolled 1116 and 2572 to take high single and high three in "B" division.

Some people dislike having their fortune told—especially by the income tax authorities.

"A" Division
Art Murray's 4, G & A 0; Rupert Radio 4, Dibbs 0; Dom's 4, Cloverleafs 0; Lyons 3, Bulwers 1; Annettes 3, New Laurel 1; Sunrise 3, Stars 1.

"B" Division
Hi-Flyers 3, 75 Taxi 1; Co-op 3, Trollers 1; Cook's 3, Wallace R. 1; Elg Sisters 3, Skeena 1; McKay's 3, Seventh Avenue Meat 1; Manson's 3, PR Plumbers 1.

Rosewall, Hoad In Net Semis

MELBOURNE (AP) — Australia's youthful Davis Cup stars advanced to the singles final of the Victoria state tennis championships today.

Top seed Ken Rosewall, 19, defeated 11th seed Worthington take 6-1, 6-2, 6-1. Hoad, 17, and Lewis Head whipped 12-6, 6-3, 6-1 in today's all-Australian semi-finals after earlier elimination of the American contenders.

Hawks Display Old Form, Hold Rangers to 3-3 Tie

By The Canadian Press

Sid Abel, old Bootnose himself, put on his skates last night for the first time this year. Al Rollins was back in the nets. And for the first time in weeks the Chicago Black Hawks looked like a hockey club.

They only tied with New York Rangers 3-3 in their National Hockey league game at New York but that was better than the 9-0 and 9-4 thumpings they took from Detroit Red Wings last weekend while Rollins was out with chicken pox and Abel was coaching from behind the bench. The Hawks who have only won three games in 26 starts were inspired. They were winning until Wally Hergesheimer tallied at 11:35 of the third period to tie it up. Although the 35-year-old Abel didn't score, he provided the drive for the Hawks who fired 34

shots on the Ranger nets. Hergesheimer scored 39 seconds after Al Dewsbury put Chicago in front with his first goal of the year.

Larry Wilson scored twice for the Hawks in the first period. Don (Bones) Raleigh and Andy Bathgate accounted for the other New York goals.

In the Western Hockey league, the pacesetter Vancouver Canucks absorbed a 1-2 hockey lesson from New Westminster Royals, but still remained four points up on the runner-up cowboys from Calgary as the tail-end Edmonton Flyers overpowered the Stampeders 3-1 in Calgary.

Saskatoon's hard-skating Quakers improved their position by downing Seattle Bombers 4-1 in Saskatoon to move into a fourth-place tie with the idle Victoria Cougars, a single point ahead of the Bombers. Seattle gets a chance to take over the fourth rung tonight when they meet Flyers in Edmonton.

In the only Western International league game scheduled last night Nelson Maple Leafs jumped into a 6-0 lead in the first two periods and then coasted to a 6-2 victory over Spokane Flyers.

Two Highs Posted By Mary Postuk

Mary Postuk took double honors in the Celco Mixed bowling league Friday night when she rolled 244 for ladies' high single and 655 for ladies' high three.

George Wicks rolled 258 to take men's high single and Joe Shumka captured men's high three with 660.

Results: Bulwers, 4 points by default; Hi-Ballers, 4; Savoy 0; Pilots 4; Conboeds 0; No-Names 3; Northland Dairy 1; MB Lucky Strikes 3; Timber Ties 1; MB Wildcats 3; Residuals 1.

Team Standings—Residuals 28 points; MB Wildcats 26; No-Names 25; Northland Dairy and Bulwers tied with 24; Savoy and Pilots tied with 21; MB Lucky Strikes 20; Conboeds 19; Timber Ties 14; Hi-Ballers 13.

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Clibbett Tops Marksmen At Civic Centre

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Other high scores were Howard Johnson, 94 per cent; Bill Holgate 93; Wayne Crowe 91; Glenden Smith 87.

Plans for a Christmas shoot are underway and several city merchants are planning to donate trophies for the young sharpshooters. The shoot scheduled for December 22, will see four trophies lined up for four competitions in which both skill and luck will play a part. Tommy Boulter and Dick Paul were instructing Tuesday night.

Curling Results

Results of yesterday afternoon's play in the Columbia Cellulose trophy competition of the Prince Rupert Ladies' Curling Club were as follows:

Wakley 16, Thom 3; Wilkins 10, Partridge 4; Lewis 13, Hamilton 7.
Draw for 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4: Hamilton vs. Wilkins; Lewis vs. Wakley; Moore vs. Thom.

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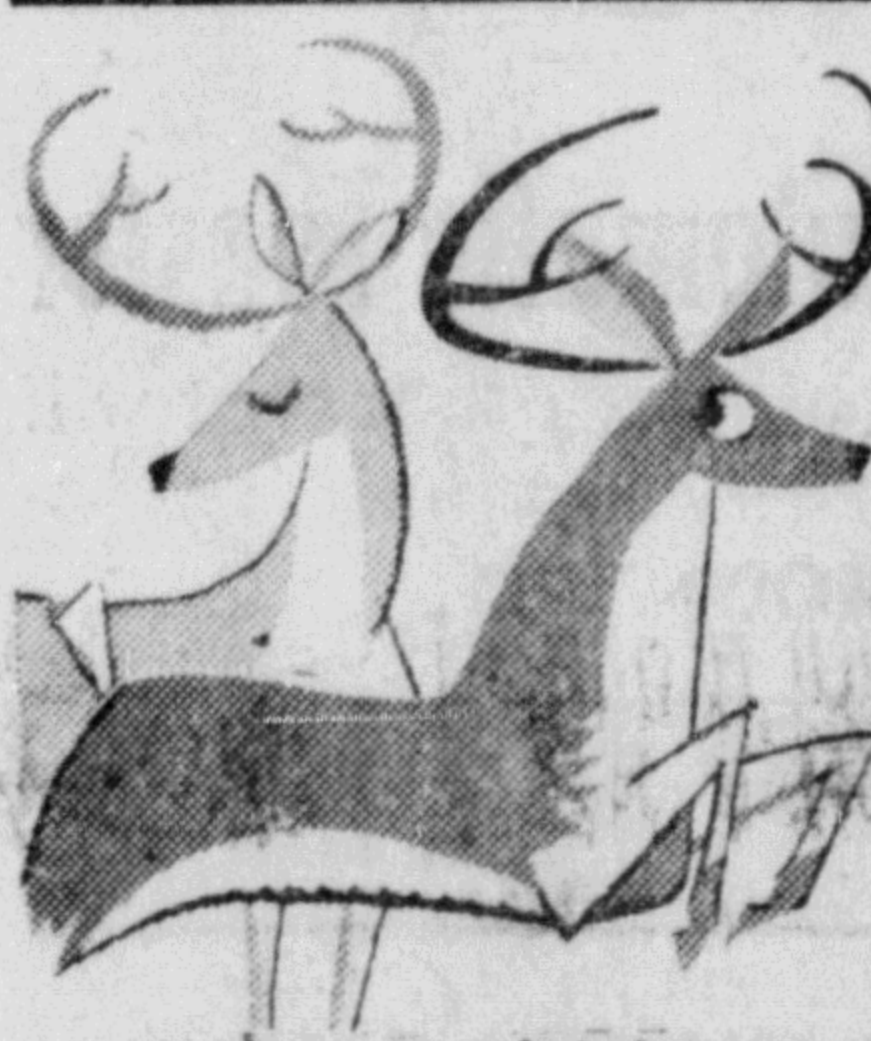
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