

CANUCK GOALIE CHOSEN MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

VANCOUVER — Emile (The Cat) Francis of Vancouver Canucks has been voted the "most valuable player" in the Western Hockey League, keeping the honor in the ranks of the goaltenders.

The selection was made by a panel of sports writers and broadcasters from the eight WHL cities. Vic Stasiuk of Edmonton Flyers placed second and Saskatoon Quakers' Doug Bentley was third.

This is the second year in a row that a goaltender has captured the award and the \$100 cheque that goes with it. Lucien Dechene of New Westminster Royals was last year's winner.

Coast League Teams Appear Well-Matched

The Pacific Coast League, now 51 years old, has opened another baseball season with indications pointing to a close race among three or four teams and three new managers on the scene—Bobby Bragan at Hollywood, Angie Galan at Oakland, and Gene Desautels at Sacramento.

First game got underway Tuesday when the 1952 champion Hollywood 3-4, San Diego 2-5, Diego, split a day-and-night double header with Lefty O'Doul's Padres. Scores were Hollywood 3-4, San Diego 2-5.

Stars lost to the Padres last night. The majority of the experts seem to lean toward Hollywood as a repeater for the flag, but the loss of Manager Fred Haney to Pittsburgh, plus Carlos Bernier, base-stealing outfielder; knuckle ball pitcher John Lindell, catcher Mike Sandlock and shortstop Dick Cole may be enough to turn the scales to Seattle or Oakland.

Seattle has been strengthened all around and looks like a very well-balanced club with lots of reserve strength, while Oakland needs only strengthening at first and behind the plate, and Owner Brick Laws may be able to accomplish that.

Clay Hopper, voted PCL's "manager of the year" in 1952, thinks he has a chance again. He brought the Beavers in fourth last season and they may finish that high or higher if the pitching holds up.

Scores
First Games—Seattle 8, Oakland 5; Portland 2, Los Angeles 7; San Francisco 3, Sacramento 6.
Wednesday—Hollywood 1, San Diego 2; San Francisco 4, Sacramento 0; Portland 2, Los Angeles 6; Seattle 6, Oakland 3.

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Exciting, Varied Program Organized For Sportsmen During Easter Holiday

An exciting and varied program of events has been organized for Prince Rupert sportsmen over the Easter weekend, featuring two fishing derbies, a trap shoot here, and two shoots and social functions in Terrace.

The annual Rod & Gun Club steelhead derby gets underway at dawn tomorrow, closing May 3.

Trap-shooting begins at noon tomorrow at the Rod & Gun Club range for the Challenge Trophy presented by Rupert Radio & Electric.

The open salt-water derby enters its second week, and a caravan of sportsmen is being organized by club president Jim Bacon to journey to Terrace Saturday afternoon for a social gathering that evening and a rifle turkey shoot and trap shoot Sunday.

Hosts to the Prince Rupert visitors are members of the Terrace Rod & Gun Club. Many

valuable prizes, including real turkeys, are being offered to shoot winners.

The Terrace invitation also extends to Monday, when visitors remaining overnight will be conducted to favorite Copper River steelhead fishing sites.

STEELHEAD DERBY

In Prince Rupert, particular interest will be centred around the steelhead derby which Bob Armstrong, fresh water derby chairman, announced would get underway Friday.

The run of steelhead in the Cloyah River is reported to have started strong this week with some 20 fish being taken.

Jim Cearley is reported to have beached a 17-pounder. Among others having taken more than two fish in the last few days are Dave McMeekin, Jack Tindle, Cyril Bagshaw and Mr. Armstrong.

The derby chairman said that most of the fish are averaging

better than 12 pounds in weight with a number tipping the scales at 14 pounds.

RULES

The derby is open to members of the Rupert Rod & Gun Club only. Entry fee is \$1. Derby boundaries include the Prince Rupert district as far as and including Copper River. Fish must be taken on legal sport tackle and must be weighed in the round (not dressed) on the same day caught.

Weighing-in station is at Dan's Service Station, at Fourth Avenue and McBride Street. Entry forms are available at Gordon's Hardware, Dan's, Manson's Jewellers, or contact Bob Armstrong.

Valuable prizes will be awarded at the close of the derby for: the heaviest fish weighed in; the second heaviest fish; the third heaviest fish; and the fish weighing closest to a hidden weight.

Prizes will be on display soon in a downtown store window.

SALT WATER DERBY

Meanwhile, considerable interest is being taken by both junior and adult anglers in the open salt-water derby which ends April 25.

Several good-sized fish have been weighed in at J. Clausen & Son store at Cow Bay, official weighing-in station, and a big spring salmon run is reported to have made its appearance in the harbor. A 65-pound spring was taken this week in Metlakatla Passage.

This derby is divided into two sections, one for juniors and one for anglers over 16. Any type of salt-water fish, except skate, is eligible in the derby.

Adult anglers must be members of the Rod & Gun Club. Entry fee is \$1 for adults, 25c for juniors, and forms are available at the Yacht Club, Atlin Fisheries, J. Clausen & Son and at Bacon Fisheries.



UNOFFICIAL SHIP'S BARBER on the Canadian destroyer Haifa serving in the Korean war theatre is CPO. Isidore Noel Doucet of Quebec city whose official job is chief cook. He gives a trim to Surgeon-Lieutenant Laurie M. Brown of Halifax. CPO. Doucet has become expert at trimming beards, popular among officers and men of the three Canadian destroyers in the Far East.

Proposed European Hockey Tour by NHL Teams Called Off

CHICAGO (AP)—A proposed European exhibition hockey tour by Chicago Black Hawks and Montreal Canadiens has been called off.

Bill Tobin, Hawks' general manager, said playing dates on the continent could not be scheduled.

"Originally the tour was set up for Paris, Germany and Switzerland," he said. "But now all we can get are 10 dates in England, and after we have finished there we would have to wait two

weeks to get passage back home. "The return home delay would be necessary because the tour was planned on a round-trip arrangement."

Frank Selke, general manager of the Canadiens, said he would not seek another team for the trip, scheduled to start April 24 from Montreal.

"I guess it's all off," he said. "I'm not going to ask another team for the series. I'm not a promoter. I asked the Hawks because I like them and like the way they play. If the Hawks had agreed to go to England, I'm sure we could have worked something out for exhibition on the continent from there."

Trap Shooting Contest Set For Friday

Various competitions and activities sponsored and originated by the Rod and Gun Club are continuing to create general interest in the city, and further activities are planned.

On Good Friday a trap shooting competition for a challenge trophy will be held, and it is thought that several teams will line up for this shoot. Invitations have been sent out to all organizations in the city, asking them to join in the shoot, and judging from past meets, there should be real competition for the trophy.

On Easter Sunday, teams of trapshooters will go to Terrace Monday evening the executive committee held a meeting to discuss matters relating to the constitution and rules of the club, and also to make plans for further competitions. A steelhead derby will be held shortly, and full details regarding it shortly will be made known.

Sunday's crow and raven shoot was well attended, in spite of the inclement weather, and several of the contestants turned in quite impressive scores on the black nest robbers. The ravens absorbed the bulk of the punishment this time, but on other shoots to be held later it is hoped that more crows will be brought in.

It is planned that trap shooting at the range can be held at the same time to provide entertainment for all members.

The next regular meeting of the Club will be held in the Moose Hall next Tuesday and at this meeting the prizes for the first, second and third winning teams in the crow shoot will be presented. A large turnout is expected, since the club now has the largest membership for many years, with additional applications being received daily.

Football Team To Be Called 'B.C. Lions'

VANCOUVER — It's official now—they're going to be known as "British Columbia Lions."

Vancouver's Western Interprovincial Football Union team was given its name Wednesday by a group of nine city sports writers and radio men who plowed through 15,285 entries before settling on "Lions."

Names of winning contestants will be announced at a giant football rally April 12. They will be judged on the basis of their reasons for choosing the name Lions.

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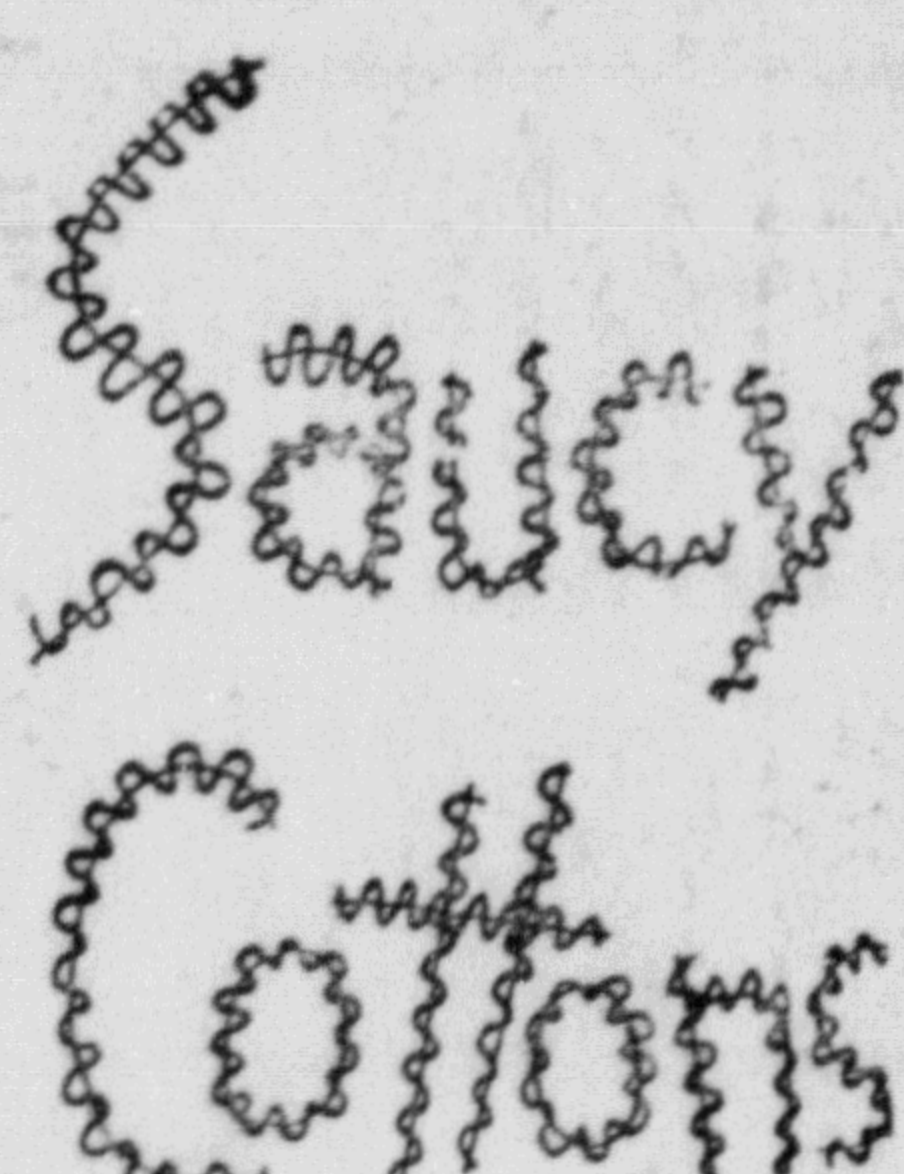
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