

Pickell Drives Meteors to Edge Eilers in First Game

THE ROUND-UP

By LARRY STANWOOD

Year's B.C. Senior Basketball Championships

Today aims to start rolling. No, we don't start a new sport all by ourselves—what we want to do is name some facts, sow seeds of possibilities, and let the Prince Rupert sports fans know that the city can capture next year's senior men's basketball championship.

At Chef Lennard's rink for the Prince Rupert rink last night, Coach Pickell considered it "necessary" that, not only to win but to stay in the "A" hoop circles next year, the Prince Rupert rink must have two tall players and local basketball facilities. By facilities, I mean a college floor!

Bill isn't posing an impossible situation. On the contrary, his words may have sparked a revolution which, while it seems revolutionary to some, is the greatest development in Prince Rupert history.

Let's tackle the seemingly impossible situation—greater rink space. A bigger, full-sized basketball court.

Centre Director Jack Spots and your reporter have up a preliminary plan which appears not only feasible but practical. The plan

Could See and Listen to Outstanding Artists

There are a few plans on the way to further pay for this indoor space.

Would put a raised dais in the centre of the rink, a few more seats, and be able to accommodate 2,000 people such noted artists as The Brothers, Ink Spots, The Boys, Spike Jones, etc.

People all come to see it. It is only a few hours here and there is no way they would come here if they are right. With enough capacity—and good seating—we would make such a rink pay each time, besides the people entertainers they have never had before.

Stirn also points out "the rink is a set-up for wrestling and boxing shows and that using population in this rink."

Swimming Pool Also Mooted for Centre

The enlarged gymnasium is the only facet of the suggested expansion program of Centre facilities. Mr. Stirn said an indoor swimming pool located under the gym would become another highly desirable feature in this city.

Stirn himself is a swimming instructor, he has little difficulty in training boys and girls for amateur athletes with a chance to

Payment For Expansion Already Available

Normally, such an expansion program that is likely to exceed \$50,000 or so to improve the future of their children, less prosperous cities, have done so. We have to look that far.

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EDMONTON (CP)—Backed by high-scoring Bob Pickell, Edmonton Meteors on Tuesday night edged Vancouver Eilers 62-58 to take a one-game lead in the best-of-three western Canada senior men's basketball semi-final.

Smooth-working Pickell, a last year member of Vancouver Clover Leafs, scored 31 points to almost single-handedly down the Eilers.

Second game of the series will be played here tonight. A third, if necessary, will also be played here, with the winner advancing against the Manitoba champions in the western finals.

Meteors held the edge in the opening minutes of play, posting a narrow 13-12 margin with only minutes remaining in the first quarter. Eilers came back behind Nev Muro to move ahead 17-14 at the end of the period.

LINEUP
Edmonton—Clark 2, Pearce 1, Price 11, Burtwell 7, Kruger 8, Moncrief 2, Pickell 31, Bakken, Martin, Leah. Total 62.
Vancouver—Bardsley, Munro 13, Lawn, Moses 4, Wotherspoon 6, Lizee 2, Forsyth 8, Watt 6, Mitchell 11, Bissett 8. Total 58.

Fraser-Payne Become Champs By 1-Point Win

Fraser & Payne 24, Hi-Green 33
Beavers 17, Mansons 12

Led by sharp-shooting Ron Christoff, Fraser & Payne last night squeezed by with one point in an overtime period to win the second straight game of a best-of-three series against Hi-Green and capture this season's intermediate city basketball championship.

A see-sawing dogged fight all the way, the narrow margin was won by two long-shot baskets by Christoff who racked up 14 points in the tussle.

It was anybody's game up until the last six seconds when time was called by Fraser & Payne. One point ahead, the whites took the ball on the side instead of a free throw they were awarded, then stalled out the six seconds for the win.

But it was the toughest fight the winners had all season. The students, sparked by dynamite-charged Jerry Ford, were bound to win and stay in for another game, scheduled for Saturday. Although floor play of the Greens was flawless and showed future championship possibilities, they could not make their shots count. Many ringers which seemed sure to drop through the net fell out in the last second. Greens got away a large percentage of more shots than did the winners.

A small house which saw the game rooted and cheered in the rafter-ringing manner of a stadium audience.

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A similar crowd witnessed the junior finals tied between Beavers and Mansons as the only Bo-Me-Hi sponsored team yet in the running outscored the jewellers by five points. Mansons won the first game of the best-of-three last Saturday. The third game will be played this week-end. Haudenschild was high for the winners with seven points.

LINEUPS
Fraser & Payne—Wesch 6, Smith 2, Enridge 4, Christoff 14, Anderson, Parnell, Peterson 8, Black, Hodgkinson. Total 34.
Hi-Green—Woods, Kristman, Sheppard 2, McAfee 2, Weber 6, Ford 11, Becker, Peneff, Clark 8, Rhodes 4. Total 33.
Beavers—Christensen 4, Haudenschild 7, Nakutsu 4, Matsuba, Tanaka, Morvin, Mah 2, Pedersen, Yamamoto. Total 17.
Mansons—Anderson 2, Weber, Helin 6, Brentzen, Black, Hodgkinson, Barne 4, Mostad. Total 12.

Varsity Grads Manitoba Hoop Title Winners

WINNIPEG (CP)—The Varsity Grads won the Manitoba Senior Men's basketball title, defeating Paulins 64-57, taking best of five series 3-2. The Grads now meet winners of the Vancouver Eilers-Edmonton Meteors series which commenced in Edmonton last night.

Two Local, Two Smithers Rinks Win in Bonspiel

Two Smithers rinks and two locals edged their way into curling championships here last night in what all curlers called the most closely contested bonspiel they ever entered.

Two extra ends were made necessary by tie scores at the completion of regulation 12-end games in the finals. One match lasted four hours with only one point scored at a time.

Winner of the Grand Challenge Trophy was the Dominato rink, skipped by Bill McKenzie. He bested the Shier rink by one point in an extra end after Shier tied the score nine-all in the twelfth with his final rock.

A similarly contested match was featured in the primary competition for the Superior Auto Service trophy, won by the De Lage rink of Smithers over the Prince Rupert Laurie rink. Coming home with two points behind (9-7), Skip Jack Laurie had the score tied with his first rock. De Lage's next rock knocked out a counting rock for Laurie, whose final throw died just short of the house, giving Smithers the one-point win.

Dominato rink also won the Grand Aggregate championship with only one loss and nine wins in the entire bonspiel. De Lage rink came second with eight wins and two losses; Rowbotham, third, with 11 wins, three losses. Award was made on a percent average basis.

But the most outstanding match was the secondary competition for the North Star trophy, won by the Rowbotham

rink in 13 ends against the Watson rink of Smithers.

The match started at 12:30 p.m. and finished at 4:30, with each rink scoring one point alternately until the two rinks stood tied 6-6 at the twelfth end.

Skipped by Bert Rowbotham, he is the only experienced curler of his rink. His lead, Dr. Hector McDonald and Bud Shuman, second, curled for the first time this season. Third Len Loucks had curled in two previous matches.

A sudden reversal in the last three ends of the match turned the tide in the Stewart-Bovill match in the Applewhite secondary, the Smithers rink (Bovill) winning 10-8. Stewart led by four points at the seventh end. In the tenth end the score

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BONSPIEL RESULTS

SEMI-FINALS

Grand Challenge—Dominato 11, Warren 5; Shier 10, Boulter 6.
Primary Competition—Laurie 8, Adomeit 7; DeLage 11, Eyoil-son 5.
Applewhite Secondary—Stewart 8, Turners 6; Bovill 10, Rowbotham 2.
North Star Secondary—Rowbotham 10, Holliston 3; Watson 14, Laurence 4.

Hockey Scores

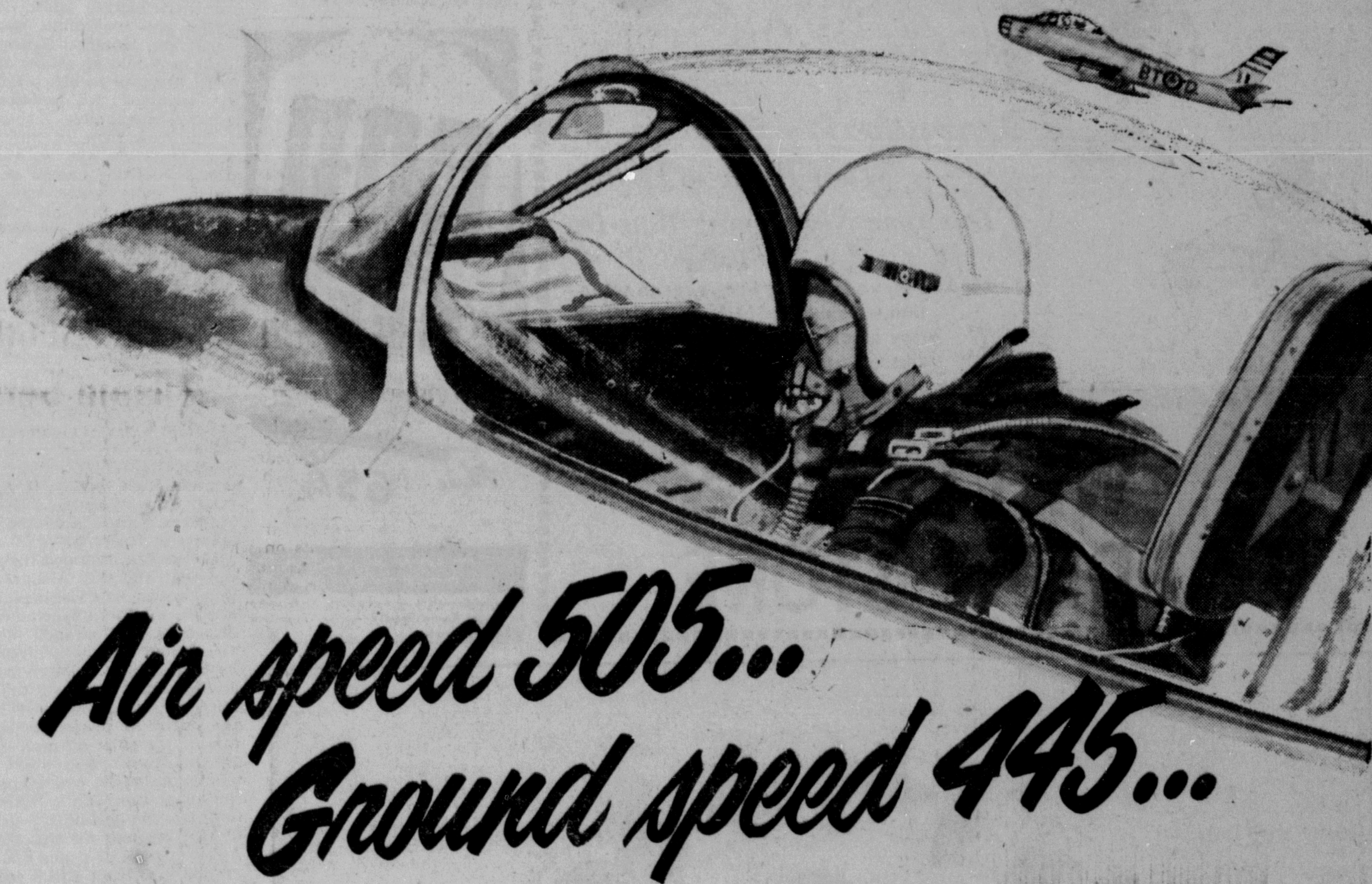
Pacific Coast (Quarter-Finals)
Edmonton 0, Saskatoon 2
Seattle 4, Tacoma 6 (first game best of five series)

Harold D. Park, training supervisor for Canadian National Telegraphs, arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert this morning from Vancouver. He is showing courtesy films to employees of Canadian National Railways here and will proceed on tonight's train to the interior enroute back to Edmonton headquarters.

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