



IN THIS CORNER

DICK AYRES

Clarence Campbell, president of the National Hockey league, who in his time has been a big-time referee, a Rhodes scholar, a lawyer and a lieutenant-colonel in the army, is quite the lad. During the recent controversy he shied away from getting involved in any discussion over Maurice (Rocket) Richard's column. But when newsmen asked him if it was true that he laughs when opposing teams score on the Montreal Canadiens, he smiled broadly.

"I don't think there's a more stoical person in the rink," he said of himself. "People ask me, 'how can you sit there and not give the slightest indication of what you are thinking?'"

Although the Richard affair is the first of its kind to come before Campbell, he has had to contend with hockey problems dating back to his refereeing days in amateur hockey. There were times he had to be escorted from the rink.

In 1941, in Trail, B.C., hostile fans formed lines along a corridor and out of the rink to the nearby Crown Point hotel, about a block away. No police were on hand. Campbell marched between the lines with a skate in each hand. Nothing happened.

Even in the midst of the now de-fused explosive situation, Campbell's personal opinion of Richard was unbiased. "From the first time I saw him I have had nothing but admiration for his playing ability," Campbell said. "Moreover, he has on all occasions, as far as I know, conducted himself in a manner that could not do other than enhance the prestige of hockey."

Whether or not Richard has lived up to that tribute, is not for us to state, but if you apply it to any other sport it is quite a mouthful for any athlete to live up to. Should he be able to do so, it would come up to our ideal of perfect sportsmanship.

Hector McDonald, lead for Chuck Ostertag's rink in the current George Cook's trophy competition, has called for his last hamburger before a game is completely finished. Last Thursday he got a cold burger after calling for one at the conclusion of the 9th end when Ostertag's crew had a three-rock lead against Bill McKenzie. The McKenzie crew took the game into the 11th end before losing by one rock.

Challengers' coach Don Hartwig announced last night that he would be holding a workout with his "possible" team Sunday at 11 a.m. However, he said, if there are any more cagers who want to try and make the squad that's to meet Ketchikan here next Friday and Saturday nights they are welcome to join the practice session.

A large contingent of Prince Rupert curlers who wish to attend the Smithers annual bonspiel are wishing that the interior event could start a day later. The bonspiel scheduled for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, January 29, 30 and 31 and February 1, puts the boys here on the spot as they want to leave Prince Rupert on the Friday, January 29 train. Any chance of making allowances for this, Smithers?

One for the books comes from Plumpton Race track, England, where it is reported that Mrs. Peggy Gardner went 28 times in the last two years to see her hurdler Star Inn, run. The horse lost every time. So she decided to stay home. The day she did Star Inn won by six-lengths at odds of 100 to 7.

GARNER IN FIFTH DEFENCE OF YOUNG CHALLENGE CUP

Tomorrow Ed Garner and his tenacious curling squad will try to pull off their fifth successful defence of the Prince Rupert Curling club's Bert Young Challenge cup, since they first won it from Bill McKenzie's rink December 13.

This time it's Neely Moore who has issued the challenge and the battle will see Ed, George Morgan, Bill Vance and Bill Anderson pulling out all stops to prevent the silverware changing hands.

The cup came into the Garner rink's hands when they downed McKenzie's crew 11-10. Garner fought off Rusty Ford's challenge December 20, 11-7, defeated Jimmy Johnson 11-3 on Dec. 27, Wannie Petersen 13-5 on Jan. 3 and Bert Rowbotham 11-6 last Sunday.

Whoever wins tomorrow will find Jack Laurie waiting to challenge them for January 23.

Jewellers Hand Sea Cadets First Loss in Six Outings

A last-second shot by Bulger's Jimmy Johnson gave the Junior Boys basketball league pacesetters Sea Cadets their first loss in six outings last night in a hotly-contested game at the Civic Centre. The Jewellers' win widened the gap between them and last place NBC Power. Bulgers now have a 2-win-4-loss record.

Ormes downed second place Sport Shop 22-18 in the opening junior fixture last night and now share second place with the sporting goods gang with 4 wins and 2 losses each.

Dom's won the Girl's league game by default when Frosty's Food Lockers were unable to field a team.

Sea Cadets took the first quarter 9-2 only to have Bulgers come back and take the second 9-4. Bulgers tied it up in the third quarter and outscored the sailors 10-9 in the final frame.

Jimmy Johnson who led Bulger's with 9 points had his winning shot headed for the basket when the final buzzer sounded.

SEA CADETS—Husvik 2, McLeod, Flood 6, Newfield, Christoff 8, J. Howell 5, A. Howell, Iverson, Lugin 4, Total 25.

ORMES—Duncan 6, Kelly, Chow 2, McIntosh 2, Reed, Leeman 8, Hodgkinson 4, Total 22.

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Canucks Break Prairie Jinx As Worsley Blanks Flyers

By The Canadian Press

All good things have to come to an end sometime and Friday night Vancouver Canucks finally ended something good for Prairie Western Hockey League teams.

Canucks dumped Edmonton Flyers 2-0 in Edmonton to mark the first time since last fall a touring Pacific coast team has defeated a Prairie team on Prairie ice.

Meanwhile, in Victoria, the Victoria Cougars and Seattle Bombers battled to a 5-5 tie as they continued their bottom-of-the-standings battle for the sixth and last playoff spot in the seven-team loop.

The end of Prairie home-ice supremacy was forecast last week, when the self-same Cougars tied Calgary Stampede to salvage a single point from that tour.

Canucks handed Edmonton their first loss in seven games as goalie Lorne (Gump) Worsley turned in an outstanding performance in the nets for his third shutout of the season.

It was 30-below outside but Worsley was hot inside, kicking out nine shots in the scoreless first period and 13 in the second period as Flyers staged repeated gaudy attacks.

Rookie Billy Dea made it 2-0 for Vancouver in the third period when he fired a backhand shot past goalie Glen Hall after Larry Popein flicked in a blue-line slap-shot by Cy Rouse to give Vancouver a 1-0 lead in the second period.

OUT IN FRONT

The two points put Canucks two games out in front of the second-place Stampede in the fight for the league championship. Flyers remained two games behind New Westminster Royals and Saskatoon Quakers, tied for third place.

In a ragged game, Victoria held two-goal leads three times only to have Bombers catch up each time. It was Bombers ninth game without a win, the point-split leaving them four points behind the sixth-place Cougars.

Alex Kuzma scored twice for Victoria with Sam Bettio, Ross Lowe and playing-coach Billy Reay each scoring once. Wayne Brown got two for Bombers with Mark Marquess, Herb Jeffrey and Guy Fielder getting the others.

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Curling Results

Results of yesterday afternoon's play by Prince Rupert Ladies curling club is as follows:

Lewis 12, Petrov 11, Moore 5, Wakley 12, Thom 9, Partridge 8.

Draws for Monday night's games: 7 p.m.—McLeod vs. Wilson; Ramsay vs. Turner; Schuman vs. Shier 9 p.m.—Anderson vs. McBroom; Bateman vs. McKenzie; Crossley vs. Johnson.

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Penticton V's Trim Spokane

Last night the Spokane Flyers of the Western International Hockey League dropped their final game of their Okanagan tour to the Penticton V's 6-4 in overtime.

It was the fourth straight loss for Spokane in this leg of their interlocking schedule with the Okanagan Senior Hockey league.

Penticton's Bill Warwick saved the day for the home town when he fired a goal with two seconds remaining to deadlock the game 4-4 at the end of regulation time.

The fiery forward of the famed Warwick line also scored the winning goal at 3:08 of the overtime session.

Not content, he was credited with a hat trick as he netted a final goal in the dying seconds of the game.

Bill Bailey drew a match misconduct penalty for knocking down referee Bill Neilson in the second period and punching him when he got up.

Red Tilson scored two goals for Spokane while Bailey and Bill Ramsden notched the others. Dick Warwick collected a brace of goals and Andy Bathgate a singleton for Penticton.

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