

IN THIS CORNER

DICK AVRES

Basketball isn't dead in Prince Rupert by a long shot. A lot of former fans just don't know what they're missing and things look even better for next year.

Take last night's games for example.

The Oldtimers showed that love of a game dies hard and while there are 15 stiff and aching bodies creaking around town today, wondering whether it was worth it, the oldsters put on a good show last night. Still showing speed were Verne Ciccone, Boola Pierce and Jack Lindsay. There was nothing wrong with Sev Dominato's shooting eye either on two occasions. Still in pretty good shape is Nick Pavlikis, but both referees Ciccone and Southern coach Fred Calderoni found that playing basketball extended them a trifle more than umpiring. Incidentally the first two fouls of the game were called on the self-same arbiters. Bruce Forward, who was "refing" seemed to get a fiendish pleasure out of the situation. Angus McPhee, still pretty cagey along with Lindsay, chalked up four points and little Bobby Armstrong sank a nice field goal.

Northern Europe's coach, Art Murray thinks tonight's game is in the bag, but Southern pilot Calderoni was just as confident. "If the garlic sausage holds out, we're home free," he said.

Regarding the fast-paced Senior B-High school series, Manson's Bill McChesney was a trifle stunned by the set-back. His team has been practicing reasonably often whereas the high school squad hasn't. Crucial exams for most of the senior students are underway and scholastic ties have taken precedence over athletics. Rainmakers' coach Jack Evans was quite gloomy before the game and after watching the pre-game warm-up was sure that Bo-Me-Hi was due for a shellacking. His team threw his pessimism in his face and hold a healthy lead for tonight's final in the total-point series. However, "it will be a different story tomorrow night," McChesney told us after admitting that the Rainmakers were by far the best team on the floor last night.

But more to the point, tonight's games fold up basketball for the season. Next year is a long way away but a glimpse into the future shows that there is some fine Senior B talent coming up in the form of Rod Tait, Rey McKay, Doug Sankey, Bob McFarlane and Maddy Sedgewick plus several other Watts and Nickerson players. Bo-Me-Hi will lose several of its stars to UBC and other higher halls of learning next fall and it could be that Inter-A will not be the colorful league it was this year. But time will tell and it's our guess that next year's Senior B loop will pack 'em into the Civic Centre.

POST SCRIPTS—Don Arney, scheduled to play on the North European descent team last night, was unable to make the team because he was down at Shaughnessy hospital getting a check-up. The April 14th bout between world lightweight champion Archie Moore and Jimmy Slade has been postponed due to Moore suffering an injury to a nerve in his left foot. The non-title bout will now be held May 12.

New York Rangers of the NHL will play an exhibition game in Montmagny against the Montmagny Junior B club tonight.

Tiger Jack Fox, well-known for his crowd-pleasing fights on the Pacific Coast and southern B.C., died in Spokane this week. We saw Tiger fight several times in Trail, B.C., and while he was "a ham an'egger" towards the end he knew his trade and win, lose or draw, he always put up a good fight. It was only 47.

Loss of key 1953 New York Yankee performers such as Vic Raschi, Billy Martin, Johnny Mize and the uncertain status of Mickey Mantle doesn't seem to phase Associated Press sports-writer Joe Reichler, and he's picked the Bombers to take their sixth straight American league championship. He says that although the weakened world champs are ready to be taken "there doesn't appear to be any club in the American loop strong enough to do it." Reichler, who spent seven weeks with six of the eight American league teams this spring, picks this probable order of finish: 1, New York; 2, Boston; 3, Cleveland; 4, Chicago; 5, Washington; 6, Detroit; 7, Baltimore; 8, Philadelphia.

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The Daily News:

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GORDON MACKIE, 32-year-old Winnipeg-born coach of Canada's boxing team for the July 30-Aug. 7 British Empire Games at Vancouver, believes Canada stands a good chance of winning some titles. Internationally known as a conditioner of athletes, Mackie last fall was appointed assistant trainer of the United States Army football team at West Point, N.Y. He has boxed as an amateur and a professional.

Nelson Needs Tie To Enter Cup Finals

Nelson Maple Leafs find themselves in the comfortable position of needing only a tie tonight to capture the B.C. Senior Hockey Championship and right to enter the Western Canada Allan Cup finals.

Leafs take on Penticton V's at Trail in the sixth game of their best-of-seven semi-final series. Nelson took a commanding 3-1 lead, with one game tied, Friday night when they downed the V's 4-2 before a packed house in Nelson.

Big break in the tightly-played contest came at 10:36 of the third period when Marty Burton rapped in the winning goal on a brilliant play with Herb Lovett. Burton drove one from just outside the crease that eluded goalie Ivan McLelland, who thought he had it covered.

Stengel Calls Yank Victory

NEW YORK—Casey Stengel predicts that New York Yankees will win their sixth consecutive American League pennant.

Manager Al Lopez forecasts Cleveland to win the flag and pilot Paul Richards declares his Chicago White Sox will beat out both the Yankees and Indians for the championship.

In contrast to the variance of opinion in the American League, practically all eight pilots have tabbed the defending Brooklyn Dodgers as the team to beat for the National League championship.

"We are champions and we should do it again," declared Stengel, winner of five straight pennants. "I don't see any reason why we shouldn't . . ."

For Return Bout Deal Completed

SEATTLE—A deal was completed Friday night for Seattle's Harry "Kid" Matthews to meet British Empire heavyweight champion Don Cockell in a return bout in London, June 1.

Matthews' manager Jack Hurley said here he "reluctantly" had agreed to accept an offer made Thursday night by British fight promoter Jack Solomons in a transatlantic telephone conversation.

Rainmakers Win 62-47; Oldtimers Battle to Tie

Maintaining a driving pace from start to finish Bo-Me-Hi Rainmakers last night whipped Senior B champions Manson's Omegas 62-47 to take a 15-point lead in the two-game-total-point series for the unofficial city basketball championship.

In a well-played Oldtimers game the Southern European squad staged a third period rally to catch the leading North Europeans and end the game in a 19-19 tie.

Jack Evans' high school squad relaxed only once during the entire game and that was just after the start of the second quarter. The Rainmakers set up a first quarter lead of 18-9 and then Manson's sparked by Ray Spring and Danny Bill, brought the score up to 19-17. The Omegas never got that close again. Ron Ciccone, aided by Freddy Kristmanson, Bill Morrison and Dick Nickerson put the count up to 30 to 19 by half time.

Play was fast and rugged during the second half with Danny Bill fouling out in the third quarter and Bob McFarlane collecting his fifth penalty in the final stanza. The Rainmakers were outscored 15-13 in the third but Bill McChesney's crew still trailed 43-34.

Doug Sankey added a six-point quota in the last frame potting three beautiful field goals from well out. Ciccone and Reynold McKay added four points apiece as the high school squad went after points right up to the final buzzer.

Manson's Ray Spring was top marksman of the game sinking

both short and long shots for a total of 19 points. Ron Ciccone led Bo-Me-Hi with 13 points followed closely by McKay and Kristmanson with 11 each. Manson's scored 15 field goals and sank 17 free shots in 30 attempts. Rainmakers netted 22 field goals and made good on 18 free shots in 28 tries. Both teams were equal on fouls with 21 each.

Old habits and plays of yesterday were displayed as the Northern squad took a 7-2 first quarter lead in the Oldtimers game.

Some of the pep gone in the second frame, the Southern crew revived themselves with garlic sausage and cheese to hold the Northlanders to a 4-4 tie. Sparked by Sev Dominato the South-erners came back strong in the third outscoring their winded opponents 7-1 to lead 13-12 at the three-quarter mark. Pushed to the limit North Europe fought back to outscore the South 7-6 in the last quarter.

Verne Ciccone led the South-erners with 10 points while Jack Lindsay with 5 was top man for the North.

North Europe—Angus McPhee 4, Jack Lindsay 5, Bob Armstrong 2, Mel Holkestad 2, Ted Arney 2, Herb Moran, Boola Pierce 3, Sid Alexander 1. Total 19.

South Europe—Nick Mazzoni, Fred Calderoni 2, Verne Ciccone 10, Jerry Pettunuzzo, Sev Dominato 5, Bojo Gurvich, Nick Pavlikis 2. Total 19.

Rainmakers—Bill 5, Spring 19, Olsen 5, Hartwig 19, Dennis 4, Walsh 2, McFarlane 2. Total 47.

Rainmakers—Kristmanson 11, Sankey 8, Tait 4, McKay 11, Heilm 1, B. Ciccone 13, G. Morrison 4, Nickerson 9, W. Morrison 1. Total 62.

Referees: Verne Ciccone, Fred Calderoni, Bruce Forward.

NHL President Has Worries About Moving Stanley Cup

MONTREAL—Some of the bedeviling that is continually harassing National Hockey League coaches fastened itself today upon President Clarence Campbell, who doesn't know what to do with the Stanley Cup.

For the present emblem of hockey supremacy remains in a Montreal jewelry store enshrouded with ifs.

If Jean Beliveau and Doug Harvey, cripples, return to action, can give Montreal Canadiens the needed zing, the cup-defending champions won't be so badly off and coach Dick Irvin will be happy.

If Gordie Howe, Ted Lindsay, Red Kelly and other stars shine in full-season form the worries of the favored Red Wings and coach Tommy Ivan will approach the vanishing point.

More specifically, if the Canadians win tonight the best-of-seven cup final will be all tied up at two games apiece and the cup stays put in the jewelry store. Fifth game is scheduled Sunday at Detroit and the sixth, if necessary, will be played here Tuesday.

If the Wings take tonight's tussle Campbell must load the cup on the hockey-special Detroit train in order to provide for any contingency.

Coach Irvin said Friday that Beliveau and Harvey will be back in tonight's game. The towering rookie centre and bumping defenceman missed the third game because of leg injuries.

CARDSTON, Alta. (CP)—Chum, the "seein'-eye" dog owned by sightless Ernest Ganzini, formerly of Edmonton, died as a result of poisoning. It was not known who set out the poisoned food.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

Philadelphia N 2, Washington A 2, Pittsburgh N 13, Philadelphia A 2, Boston A 1, Milwaukee N 3, New York N 0, Cleveland A 1, New York A 2, Brooklyn N 3, Cincinnati N 5, Detroit A 10, Chicago N 6, Chicago A 5, Syracuse IL 3, Toronto IL 2.

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

Manager Jack Adams of Detroit Red Wings was suspended and Detroit players Eddie Wares and Don Grosso were each fined \$100 after a fistio-assault on referee Mel Harwood during the fourth game of the Detroit-Toronto Stanley Cup final 12 years ago tonight. That was the year Detroit won the first three games and Toronto captured the next four and the Stanley Cup.

Smart Family

BATHURST, N.B. (CP)—Rose Pearce, high school student, won the annual oratorical contest sponsored by the Rotary Club here. Last year her twin brother Robert took the honors, and a previous winner was her older sister Mary.

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DICKIE MOORE WITHIN REACH OF NEW CUP SCORING RECORD

MONTREAL—Despite Thursday's defeat by the Red Wings, Montreal Canadiens' brush 23-year-old left wing Dickie Moore, is within shooting distance of another Stanley Cup playoff record, total points in the series. Moore's records March 25 in a semi-final game between the Bruins and the Bruins. His first mark, a goal in 10 seconds of play, wiped out April 1 by Gordie Howe of the Wings, who scored a goal in nine seconds in a game between the Wings and the Maple Leafs. Moore set his second record March 25, in goals and four assists. This eclipsed a long-standing record, five, shared by four players. Now Moore has 13 goals and eight assists in five semi-final games with Boston. The three so far played against Detroit. The record is 18.

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