

Exiting Cage Tourney Gets Underway Tonight

By DICK AYRES
Sports Editor Daily News

There's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip and few basketball fans in Prince Rupert are willing at this point to pick the eventual winner of the Parker Round-Robin cage tournament which gets under way tonight at 7:30 at the Civic Centre.

But one thing is certain there will be plenty of action and lots of excitement.

Scheduled to see action in the first of the two-night series are Senior B league's teams, Manson's Omegas, Columbia Cellulose 300 Club and Gordon & Anderson plus Inter A entries Watts and Nickerson's and Bo-Me-Hi School Rainmakers.

A great deal has happened since the tournament was first planned, then postponed for the Duke of Cornwall series and now being staged on the heels of the Prince Rupert Challengers' Alaska tour.

UNDER THE GUN

Under the gun are Senior B coaches Bill McChesney and Pop Pay. The former faces a dilemma from the start as his Manson's Omegas meet Watts and Nickerson's of the Inter A loop which he also coaches. In the first place he knows the strengths and weaknesses of both teams. Which is he going to coach in the second place? Will he play the strengths of one against the weaknesses of the other? On top of that he's going to bring four of his regular players back from Ketchikan today, tired after a three-game series with no rest in between. They are Ray Spring, Danny Bill, Mickey Webster and Joe Walsh.

Pop Pay likewise gets back two players who've played three games straight this week and another, Dom Scherk, is sidelined with a mangled back. That weakens Pop's squad and leaves Gordon and Anderson who have not played since December 19 in

a theoretically more favorable position. Whether the hardware-men have gone stale over the holidays will be seen in the third game of the series when G & A meets Manson's. This test follows Bo-Me-Hi Rainmakers 1954 debut into senior company, when the high schoolers meet Columbia Cellulose.

Following on the heels of the G & A vs Manson's encounter, Watts & Nickerson's tangle with CCC 300 Club to wind up the first evening's play the High school gang meet Minor Simundsen's G & A crew.

At stake are a Most Valuable Player trophy and a trophy for the player who amasses the most points during the 10-games, plus individual cups for every member of the winning team.

OUT ON A LIMB

We have been dared to "go out on a limb" ourselves and pick a winner for the tournament, and being loathe to turn down such an offer we're going to do better. Here's our selection of winners for tonight's games, chosen without malice aforethought and merely to see how well we have the basketball sized up in Prince Rupert.

Manson's take Watts and Nickerson's in the first game.

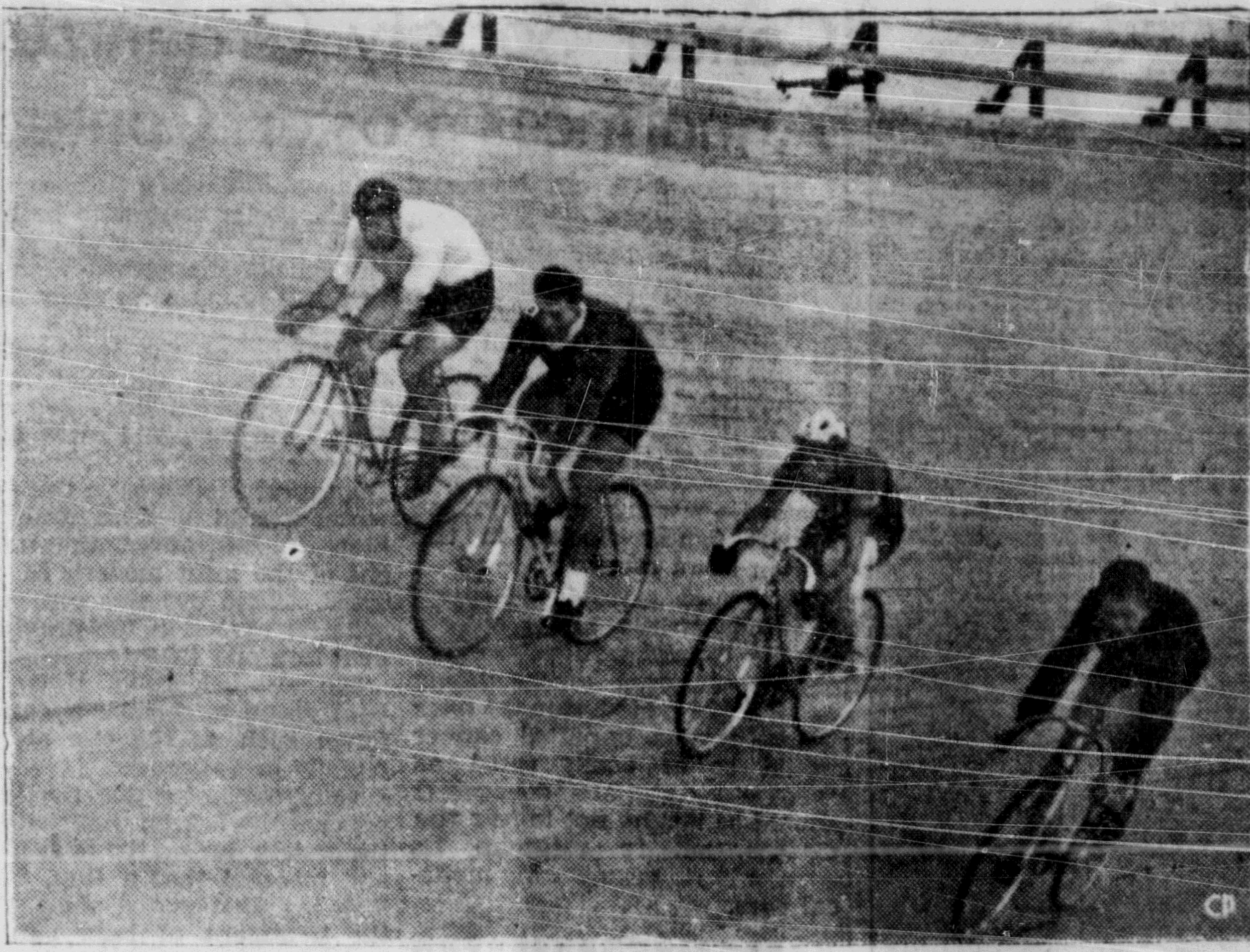
Rainmakers to beat CCC 300, in the second.

Manson's over Gordon & Anderson's in the third.

CCC to down Watts & Nickerson's in the fourth game.

Rainmakers over G & A in the fifth game.

Now let's all be there at the Civic Centre tonight to see how wrong a guy can be.



TESTING the newly-completed British Empire Games cycle track in the Grandview area of Vancouver are four Vancouver cyclists who hope to represent Canada in the games starting next July. Left to right are: Lorne Atkinson, Jim Davies, Jr., Tony Bachetts, and Ed. Bang.

Richard on Scoring Spree As Habs Thrash Maple Leafs

By JIM BASTABLE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Maurice Richard, idolized and hated, is back in the headlines to remind National Hockey League fans he should be ranked among the game's all-time greats.

He is already there as far as Montreal fans are concerned.

Richard, who has shown color and destructive scoring power since he broke into professional hockey 11 years ago, scored three goals and two assists Thursday night to lead Montreal Canadiens to a 7-3 victory over the third-place Toronto Maple Leafs.

To the 14,452 fans in Montreal, Richard was back in shape and once more the scowling, chip-down rightwinger who rates high with such greats as Eddie Shore and King Clancy.

While the 32-year-old Richard was boosting his season's goal

total to 25, the league-leading Detroit Red Wings broke out with two goals in the third period to beat the fourth-place Boston Bruins 3-1 in Detroit.

The Montreal victory left Canadiens in second place with 49 points, one off the Detroit pace. The Leafs are five points behind Canadiens.

Hogan Named Athlete of Year

NEW YORK (AP)—Ben Hogan, called by many the greatest golfer who ever lived after he captured the British Open championship with a record-smashing final round last summer, was voted "male athlete of the year" for 1953 Wednesday in the 23rd annual year-end Associated Press poll.

The mighty Texas shotmaker, who won golf's triple crown in 1953—the U.S. and British Open championships, and the Augusta Masters—was an overwhelming choice in the country-wide poll of sports writers and sportscasters.

Jessie Shenton Double Winner

Jessie Shenton of New Laurels rolled 324 and 714 Tuesday night to top A Division of the Ladies Five-Pin bowling league in high singles and high three game totals. Team high three was captured by Art Murray's with 1036 and team high three was won by Annettes with 2875.

In B Division Isla Hague of Prince Rupert Plumber's rolled 240 to take high single and Mabel Shier of Seventh Avenue Meat Market took high three with 583. Seventh Avenue Meat took double team honors with high single of 882 and high triple of 2591.

Results: A Division—Annettes 4, Stars 0; Peop's 3, Dibbs 6; Red Radio, 4; Zeeveteals 0; Bullseye 3; G & A 1; Lyons 3; Art Murray's 1; Sunrise 2; New Laurels 2.

B Division—Seventh Ave. Meat 4; PR Plumbers 0; Hi-Flyers 4; Cook's 0; Wallace R. 4; 75 Taxi 0; Big Sisters 4; Toilers 0; Co-op 3; Skeena 1; Manson's 3; McKay's 1.

Tennis Champ "Mo" Connolly Tops U.S. Poll

NEW YORK (AP)—For the third straight year, Maureen Connolly, the world's tennis queen, was chosen U.S. female athlete of the year for 1953 in the 23rd annual Associated Press year-end poll.

Little Mo, who holds all the world's major tennis titles and led the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association rankings for the third consecutive year in 1953, ran up a heavy margin in a poll of sports writers and sportscasters.

The 19-year-old from San Diego, Calif., received 73 first-place votes of the 126 ballots cast, and a total of 281 points.

She beat out another famous San Diego athlete, channel swimmer Florence Chadwick, who had 21 first-place votes and 152 points. Third, and the only other woman athlete in the first 10 to receive as many as 100 points, was Babe Didrickson Zaharias. The Babe got 13 first, and an even 100 points.

Little Mo began 1953 by winning the Australian championship at Melbourne last January. She was upset by Doris Hart in the Italian international tournament at Rome, but defeated Miss Hart in the French, Wimbledon and U.S. Nationals at Forest Hills.

FOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Miss Chadwick had four major channel conquests in five weeks last fall. She swam from England to France in 14 hours, 42 minutes, record time for the English channel crossing. Two weeks later she broke all records for swimming the Straits of Gibraltar, Europe to Africa. She followed by swimming the tricky Bosphorus, Europe to Asia, and back again.

Two days later she swam the Turkish Dardanelles, both ways, Turkey to Greece.

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After the match Hoad complained of a slight recurrence of "tennis arm," a soreness which has bothered him intermittently this season.

Feature of the doubles final was Rose's reversal of his recent poor form. He served strongly and volleyed accurately. He did not drop his service at any time and made many brilliant interceptions at the net.

Saturday Hoad meets Tony Trabert of the United States in the singles final, billed as a replay of their brilliant Davis Cup match in December.

Curling Results

CURLING RESULTS—Page 4. Results of last night's play in the Prince Rupert Curling Club's George Cook trophy competition are as follows:

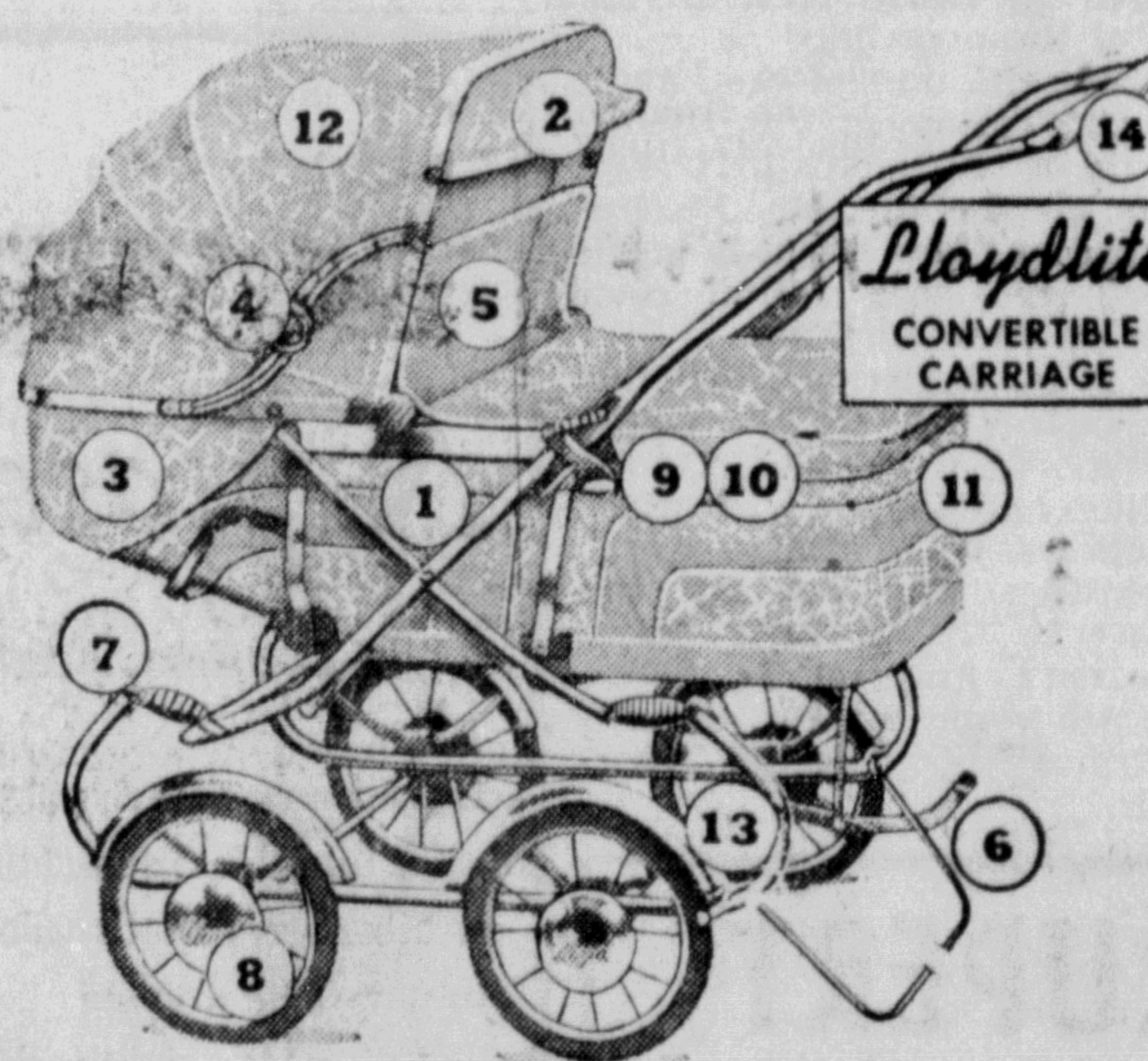
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COUGARS HOLD STAMPS TO

After being last in the seven-team Western Hockey League most of 1953, Victoria Cougars rose up in Calgary last and held the second-place Stampede to a 3-3 tie. The best a coast team praving the Prairie WHL wilds has able to do in a long time.

It's also the third time that Victoria has showed against the three top teams of the league since the New Year. The Cougars trounced third-place New Westminster 4-0 Year's day and then batted Vancouver 3-1 in Canada's den five days later.

In the Okanagan Senior Hockey league last night Canadians shellacked Kelowna Packers 7-3.

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"Boxing Dead" Says Sugar Ray Happy To Be Song, Dance Man

By WALTER GRAY

TORONTO (AP)—"The boxing game is dead. They need some new ones in the business."

With this phrase Sugar Ray Robinson emphasises the fact that he has no regrets over leaving the ring.

The colorful former middle-weight boxing champion eats a pound of chocolates a day and is still in fighting trim. He's burning up his energy in a new medium—night club entertaining and "socializing."

"I don't have a chance to gain or lose any weight," he says. "I can eat a pound of chocolates

and other candy each day and still weigh 157."

Sugar Ray goes through a song-and-dance routine twice nightly and picks up a cheque varying from \$5,000 to \$15,000 a week.

In his dressing room between his two half-hour shows at a Toronto night club, 32-year-old Sugar Ray gave every appearance of just finishing another title fight. Slumped in front of his dressing table, perspiration dripping from his forehead, Robinson chuckled as his valet wrapped another towel around his shoulders and quipped: "we have to take good care of the goose that lays the golden egg."

"Man, this is the life," the slick Harlem Daafy sighed. In show business you finish your work for the day and then have time to socialize a bit."

"LIKES TRAVEL, MONEY "Travelling, I like," he says. "There's no better way to get an education."

Robinson and his sidekick Joey Scott race through a half-hour of slapstick and music in the night club act. Robinson is the butt of Scott's jokes and Sugar Ray draws laughs with his theatrical grimaces and threatening fistic gestures.



BEAUTIFUL RHONDA FLEMING is billed as one of "Those Redheads from Seattle", her latest movie—a 3-D Technicolor musical—but she could be from anywhere and nobody's mind. One thing is certain—she's not a small-town gal.

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