Registration Deadline For Basketball Friday

Time is running out on city basketball coaches and managers who have not yet established their team lineups, according to Bert White, secretary of the Prince Rupert Basketball Association.

January 7 is the last day for the registration of players in the city leagues and also the last day for transfer of players within the leagues, Mr. White said.

Mr. White also announced that the period given coaches and managers to sign new players has been cut by 10 days this year. The deadline is January 21, instead of the usual January 31 date.

Saturday basketball action this week will see three league games played. An intermediate fixture will see second place North Star matched against last place Sunrise and junior boys action has Sport Shop meeting Manson's. A win for Sport Shop would bring them into a three-way tie for first place with Manson's and Annunciation.

Senior B game will see second place Gordon and Anderson meet the cellar dwelling Rainmakers. The Booth team will be looking for its second win of the season and G & A can creep to within two points of league leading Manson's with a win.

Kelowna Women Host For Finals In '56 Curling

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP) — The Kelowna Ladies' Curling Club will be hosts to the 1956 provincial curling finals, according to Joyce Underhill of Kelowna, first vice-president of the B.C. Ladies' Curling Association.

The 1955 zone five playoffs will be held in Penchland January 28-29. Deadline for entries is Monday, January 10. Clubs are allowed one rink for every 20 members.

The two winners of zone five playoffs move on to compete for the Collinson Trophy and the provincial championship in Trail, February 23-26.

Western Canada championship, consisting of two provincial teams and four western teams, is being held in Winnipeg March 14.

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Sugar Ray Old Self Briefly In First Fight of Comeback

DETROIT (AP) — For 10 exciting seconds, it was the Sugar Ray Robinson of old—swift sharp and deadly.

In that brief burst, Wednesday night, the former middleweight champion swarmed over Joe Rindone of Boston and scored a knockout at 1:37 of the sixth round successfully to start his comeback.

As a howling crowd of 11,973 urged him on, Robinson floored the inept, confused Rindone with a flashing series of lefts and rights that made one wonder why Sugar Ray ever left the ring in the first place.

But before that, the sleek New Yorker was cautious and uncertain, showing obvious signs of his 30-month layoff. His famous one-two combinations wasn't clicking, although his footwork seemed as good as ever.

"I was satisfied with my showing," Robinson said in his dressing room. "Even though my combinations weren't working, I at least had an opportunity to try them.

"I can't honestly say it was one of my better fights," he said. "It'll take time to regain the touch."

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Cougars Vie With Canucks For 4th Berth

By The Canadian Press

At least one issue in the Western Hockey League scramble should be settled this week—the championship of Victoria Cougars and Vancouver Canucks.

The two teams, holding down fourth and fifth positions, respectively, meet for the title in Vancouver Friday night in their third meeting in four nights.

Cougars forced the rubber match Wednesday night by crushing Canucks 7-4 as Ed Dorohoy and Andy Hebenton each chalked up hat tricks. Vancouver took the opener Tuesday night 4-2.

In other league action Wednesday night, New Westminster squeezed into second place alongside Calgary Stampeders by hanging on for a 6-6 saw-off.

The single point was the only one Royals have been able to salvage in three games on their swing through the Prairie clubs.

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Split-T Coach Rider Choice

OTTAWA (CP) — Ottawa Rough Riders have chosen Chan Caldwell, a drawling, 225-pound southerner who favors the split-T formation, as coach for the next two Big Four football seasons.

Rider president Dave Gill announced the choice of the 34-year-old line coach at the University of Tennessee Wednesday night. He said Caldwell was given a two-year contract, but didn't add what the salary is.

Hockey Scores

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