

IN THIS CORNER

By GEOFF AYRES

League basketball in town, while it may not have been any too successful as a drawing card, has at least brought the few teams that turn out regularly a full schedule of play... that is, right from junior to senior play. However, next year, there is every possibility that this might not be the basketball picture. There is a movement afoot to take all school basketball teams, with the exception of the senior Rainmakers back into Booth School for intra-national games only.

This was the situation as explained last night by Sheila White, coach of Bo-Me-Hi Golds, to the general meeting of the basketball association. It means that most of the eligible players in the junior, intermediate and senior girl's teams would be removed from the current city loop as it is set up now.

It might be an important move as far as school sports is concerned, but it would be a tough blow to organized basketball in the city. The reason for the move was given as that the students playing would be better off playing at school, presumably away from the public.

Whatever the reasons for the move, the basketball association seems unable to come up with enough teams in the "junior loop," however, although it may be harder to recruit players as some parents may not wish their children to play in both intra-national and city leagues. One thing that will be harder to find is a team that does not enter cage teams en masse. Will be

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The Annunciation-Manson's junior game played last night was without a doubt one of the better games played this year. The outcome was decided right up until the final buzzer.

It certainly cleared the air a lot better than the meetings over the disputed 15 goals were held from now until Doomsday.

One minor note: John Dumas went out at the general meeting last night concerned the protest and counter-protest over the March 15 game. When it was asked just who composed the executive, it was found that Annunciation Coach John Dumas, who headed the counter-protest was a member of the executive and had cast votes in its behalf. However, this places him in the same position as Bert White, association secretary, as being on the committee while a coach of a participating team.

The decision of the Annunciation team's supporters to take the committee's ruling on the protest to the B.C. Basketball Association is their prerogative although it amounts to a vote on their part of lack of non-confidence in the executive. It makes one wonder if they are seeking a higher authority's interpretation of the situation or whether they are just trying to get their own way.

The executive also pointed out another discrepancy during the discussion. That was that fair minded and public spirited though he may be, Art Murray was out of order in taking two "votes" to the committee... one on the Gordon and Anderson player re-election, the other over R. H. Davidson's protest on the Annunciation-Manson's game. The executive pointed out that Mr. Murray, who had a chance to serve on the executive at the beginning of the season and turned it down, is not eligible to attend a meeting of the basketball association as he is not a member of the Civic Centre.

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Down at Sleepless Hollow, congratulations are in order for this year's winner in the Fourth Annual Bonspiel of the Prince Rupert Curling Club.

At the time of writing, two competitions had been decided. Kenny Warren and his stalwarts had edged out Bob Cresswell for the E. T. Applewhite Trophy in D event and Jack Mitchell's rink were the holders of the Superior Auto Trophy in B event, by virtue of their overwhelming win over Milo Sandberg's Prince George rink. Jack Eby's rink and Bill McKenzie's lads were hard at it for the North Star Bottling Works Trophy and Joe Scott and Jerry Lemire were curling for the Bacon Fisheries Trophy in the consolation event.

It looks as though it has been a tough competition for the visiting rinks, although the Prince George rink did well in the competition. Sandberg and Bruce Murdock both getting into the semi-final.

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A week ago, when Gordon and Anderson's Jimmy Flaten racked up 30 points, the news story said that it was one point less than the all-time record set by Don Arney.

The paper hadn't been on the street an hour before Don Arney to say that it wasn't he who racked up 31 points, it was his brother Ted. Don claimed he'd never got more than five points in his life and said he'd taken quite a beating (verbally) from his brother half... Down at the Civic Centre it was pointed out that Sonny Stoll and Jimmy Burdwood had scored as many as 50 points in games belonging to the dim and distant past.

Edmonton, Victoria Downed As WHL Semi-Finals Start

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
A lot of people were surprised by the results of Tuesday's Western Hockey League semi-final play, but none more amazed than

Annunciation Wins Playoff

Annunciation School junior basketball team won the right to meet Sports Shop in the Junior basketball championships last night when they edged Manson's 38-27 in a re-play of a protested game.

The school squad took the series two games to none. First game of the finals will be played this Thursday and the second game is scheduled for Saturday.

The touch-and-go battle for the playoff berth, one of the best games of the season, was decided by foul shots, with Dick Baye shooting the winner.

Down 10 at one point in the contest, the Annunciation squad fought back and both teams matched points during the third and fourth quarters.

Bury and Bill Smith with nine points each paced the winners while Letourneau with seven was runner-up. Landre and Johnson were top point getters for the losers, each sinking nine points.

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SHE MANAGES, TOO — Relaxing after some spring trainings at Phoenix, Ariz., is New York Giant's manager Leo Durocher, enjoying the sun with wife Laraine Day. The baseball manager is spending a good deal of her time close to the lucky Giant pho.

Hab Goalies Blank Bruins; Red Wings Take Leafs 7-4

By W. R. WHEATLEY

Canadian Press Staff Writer
MONTREAL 6 — With the mystery cleared away and an alarming sag in effectiveness seemingly righted, Montreal

Canadian Swimmers In Finals

MEXICO CITY 6 — Canadian swimmers got another chance today to go after an elusive gold medal at the Pan-American Games.

Led by Virgina Grant, a six-foot Toronto girl, Canada qualified three swimmers for the finals of the women's 100-metre free style and the men's 100-metre backstroke and entered a duet in the synchronized swimming.

MILD BOOING

There was only mild, scattered booing for Campbell, whose sus-

pension of Maurice "Rocket" Richard had the fans in such a

dither last week that their riotous outbreaks ended a regular scheduled game Thursday with Detroit Red Wings.

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With the games heading into

the home stretch after 10 days

of competition, Canada remained

in ninth place in the unofficial

team standings with 34 points.

Last night Irene Macdonald of

Hamilton, turned in a solid all-

around performance to capture

fourth place in the women's

three-metre diving champion-

ship.

SCORES THREE POINTS

The 21-year-old Miss Macdon-

ald scored 11.26 points for Cana-

da in finishing behind three

Americans.

The queen of the divers, Olymp-

ic champion Pat McCormick of

Pasadena, Calif., again demon-

strated why she is the best in the

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COMFORTS CHILDREN

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dren's wards of a hospital here,

thanks to a £5,000 bequest.

High School Basketballers May Shun Loop

Possibility that there will be no basketball teams from Booth School entered in the city league next year was voiced at a meeting of the Prince Rupert basketball association last night by Mrs. Bert White, coach of the Bo-Me-Hi Golds team and physical education teacher at the high school.

Mrs. White said that the physical education instructors had considered the matter of high school students taking part in the city league and decided that playing at the school would be better for the players. It would mean, Mrs. White said, that the junior, intermediate and senior girls' leagues, as they exist now, would no longer be in operation.

Bert White, secretary of the association said that he will recommend to next year's executive that all leagues other than senior be confined to the school.

In other business the meeting approved a motion that the B.C. Basketball Association be asked to send a referees clinic to Prince Rupert this fall.

The group decided that the association would wind up the basketball season this year with a dance at which the trophies would be presented to the league and playoff winners as well as to the most valuable player and the most sportsmanlike player.

Mr. White reported that Prince Rupert had not been allowed in to the B.C. basketball playoffs because the city had not been represented at the B.C. group's meeting.

Canadiens today took on new confidence that they can turn back the Boston Bruins.

In the opening game of the best-of-seven Stanley Cup semi-finals Tuesday night, Canadiens came up with a solid defensive display and dunked the Bruins in a 2-0 white-washing on second-period goals by Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion and Jean Beliveau.

The mysterious "something new" promised by coach Dick Irvin materialized when he sent two goalies working in relays.

He suffered a heart attack while working on programs for the Golden Gloves tournament here this weekend.

Charlie Hodge was shuttled between the B.C. Amateur Boxing Association.

He never worked for the kids," said Harry Bloor, who was secretary of the BCABA when Sandford was president. "He never boxed himself but inherited a love for it somewhere."

IPSWICH, England 6 — Civil defence volunteers in this Suffolk town total 600. Of them, 338 are women.

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The boozing of Laycock came in bursts — the first chorus coming from all over the rink. When he spilled once with a solid body-check by Jean Beliveau, the boozing changed to elated cheering. Laycock paid no attention to it all.

Meanwhile in Detroit the Wings played a "bad" game but were still good enough to overwhelm Toronto Maple Leafs.

In a dull, undramatic contest before a crowd of 12,190, the Red Wings trounced the Leaf 7-4 to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven semi-final series.

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