WHL Returns to Normal As Top Teams Score Wins

Things are back to normal in the Western Hockey League today.

For a while, teams like fifth-place Vancouver Canucks were toppling teams like second-place New Westminster Royals and last-place Saskatoon Quakers were knocking over just about anyone they could lay sticks on.

But Tuesday night Calgary Stampeders turned back Vancouver 3-1 before about 4,000 prairie fans and Edmonton Flyers boosted their league lead by blanking Saskatoon 1-0.

In Calgary, Doc Couture scored his 200th goal in professional hockey and Sid Finney sank two other markers to down Canucks to within one point of second-place New Westminster.

Bill Ezinicki scored Vancouver's only goal.

Ezinicki picked up his goal at the 16-minute mark of the first period after Finney gave Calgary the lead with a blazing shot. Couture scored the winner with a minute left in the frame and Finney tallied again in the third session.

In Saskatoon Glenn Hall collected his third shutout of the season by blanking the Quakers before 3,000 fans.

Defenceman Gordon Strate, picked up from the Edmonton Junior Oil Kings, scored the only goal with a drive from the blueline. Saskatoon outshot the crippled Flyers 30-15 and held a wide territorial edge.

Two games are scheduled tonight — Vancouver at Calgary and Edmonton at Saskatoon.

BARRY SHEARER (left) and his rink from Winnipeg's Gordon Bell school, Manitoba champions, will carry their province's hopes in the Domin on high school curling championship at Sydney, N.S., February 15-19. Left to right: Shearer, third Murray Kovats, second Bruce Purdy and lead Johnny Borax. (CP Photo)

Jesse Qualifies For Silver Pin In Rifle Shoot

Ray Jesse shot a 95 per cent score out of a possible 100 last night in the Civic Centre Youth Rifle club's shoot-off for Dominion Marksmanship pins and qualified for a silver pin.

Out of 17 boys attending seven others qualified for bronze pins.

Last night's scores were: Billy Foster 95, Don MacDonald 92, Jack Ritchie 87, Terry Stewart 82, Murray Wells 90, H. Perkins 81 and Ron Irvine 86.

Angler's Fight With Sturgeon Pays Off $50

VANCOUVER (CP) Roy Tiecaman had some advice Tuesday night for those who would duplicate his feat and land a 250-pound sturgeon:

Take along a stout rod, loaded with 80-pound test salmon line, plus a truck and a boat, a friend to lend a hand when the going gets tough and fish near a hefty tree.

Roy was fishing for steelhead near Hope, B.C., on the Fraser river, 100 miles east of here, when he hooked what he thought was a sunken log.

Then all eight feet, nine inches of that fish lashed to the surface.

"I played that fish for five hours and he was fighting mad all the way. We were fishing for steelhead and it's a wonder my line held with all that weight."

Roy was tiring faster than the sturgeon, so he tied his line to that tree and went for help. The line was transferred to a friend's truck and with Roy guiding from a boat, the catch was completed.

"I'm sure glad we landed him, because nobody would ever have believed me without the evidence," he said.

He considers the battle worth it. He sold the fish to a dealer at 20 cents a pound—that's $50.

"Terrible Ted" Off Ten Days After Fracas

TORONTO (CP) Theodore Lindsay can't stand crabby fans, and the National Hockey League can't stand players who fight with the customers.

Thus it was that "Terrible Ted" was given a 10-day suspension for a ringside scuffle with a fan.

The 29-year-old leftwinger with Detroit Red Wings was suspended Tuesday night by league president Clarence Campbell for 10 days after Lindsay struck a spectator with his stick.

Campbell ordered the sentence after a Detroit meeting of club officials, players and rink officials who handled the game in Toronto last Saturday.

Lindsay got into the fracas after the fan, sitting in a rail seat, grabbed at the stick of Detroit's Gordie Howe, Lindsay's linemate. The fan, Campbell said, told police officials he touched the stick to prevent it from striking his small son.

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

United States amateur tennis suffered a big loss 23 years ago when Francis T. Hunter followed his famous doubles partner, big Bill Tilden, into professional ranks. They made their pro debut a few weeks later at New York before a crowd of 14,000.

OUTDOORS With Marty

There is a certain clamor that the Queen Charlotte Islands deer could be improved in size and appearance by the introduction of breeding stock from the mainland. Methinks there are already too many animals of various kinds on the islands and too few indigenous predators.

At this time the greatest need is a considerable reduction in the deer total, and shooting is taking care of only a part of the need; until the point is reached where the deer herd is able to find ample browsing, then we shall continue to have the problem of undersized animals.

A large increase in human population would bring about more land clearing, more logged-off woodlands to create berry and shrub growth for deer browse, and the introduction of those plants and grasses that would provide necessary food constituents for the herd. The importation of new blood-lines is not the answer, that is merely adding more mouths to an already depleted fodder supply.

Once upon a time the cry for stocking the Queen Charlottes with raccoon was heard by the powers that be, today these bearers of low-grade and hard-wearing fur are reaching pest proportions in certain areas, yet trappers are not tempted to set for them because of the poor financial return for skins that fall to prime in the moderate climate of the Charlottes.

Better that more mainland hunters make the trip each Fall and bring out the deer that the law permits, in that way the herd will surely make a strong comeback in quality, for deer are noted for this excellent characteristic.

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The Rod and Gun Club has great expectations of a considerable increase in membership now that it has so many more activities to offer, and because of the fact that sporting firearms sales in the city are blene [illegible] at any time previous. The addition of a pistol shooting section is expected in the very near future, and plans for the range are already well under way.

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Answer to correspondent. Copy of regulations covering trapping areas may be had upon request from the Game Warden of the Game Commission, and possession of a trapping license does not permit one to trap on private property without the consent of the owner since private areas are not within the jurisdiction of the Game Act in this respect.

Any violation of this would render one liable in trespass.

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Fishing from floats at Fairview has fallen off quite seriously of late, and a consensus is being taken to determine the reason. More later.

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It is fairly certain that some visiting firemen from the Vancouver dailies will grace the forthcoming Rod and Gun dinner-dance with their presence, and that there will be a display of pretty shotgun handling at the club trapshooting grounds at Oliver Lake on the following day.

After dinner speaking is to be pithy, amusing, and brief; better be there!

Top Notch

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[illegible] Ron Gizis is the youngest on the visiting Giants. Wright appears to be one of the Philadelphia team's veterans, having played for the Harlem Globetrotters for [illegible] years and [illegible] for Kansas City Stars. Don Hinds is the tallest of the visitors, [illegible] 4 inches while previously mentioned Wright is the shortest at 5-foot 8½ inches.

Before the feature game now set at 9 p.m., there will be a Junior Boys league game between Sports Shop and Mancen's a girls fixture between Dom's and Booth Memorial High School Golds and as a semi-window, in an effort to get caught up on missed league games, a Senior B tilt between Gordon & Anderson's and Booth Rainmakers.

Reinforcements May Aid Trail In WIHL Climb

By The Canadian Press

Trail Smoke Eaters, reduced to 11 men, stand to improve their third place position in the Western International Hockey League today thanks to two members of the Heindle family.

Bill Heindle, former member of the Saskatoon Quakers, and Don Heindle of the Windsor, Ont. entry in the Ontario Senior Hockey association, will bolster the blueline corps of the injury-ridden Smoke Eaters.

The Trail team battled Nelson Maple Leafs to a 4-4 overtime draw in the smelter city Tuesday night.

In the Okanagan Senior Hockey League, Vernon Canadians moved [illegible] first place by shading Kelowna Packers 5-4 in a see-saw game.

For Vernon, Art Davison, Brian Roche, George Ansell and Johnny Hombs with two took care of the scoring. Bill Chalmers, Ken Booth, Jim Middleton and Joe Kaiser scored for Kelowna.

In Trail, the Smoke Eaters fought from behind to gain their tie with Nelson. Fritz Cuchie, Herb Jeffrey, Wendy Kelly and Lee Hesson tallied for the Queen city team while Ray Hamilton, captain Moe Young, Bobby Krupun and Walt Treadwell battled pucks home for Trail.

Both leagues are idle tonight but Trail will play in Nelson Thursday night and Vernon will travel to Kelowna.

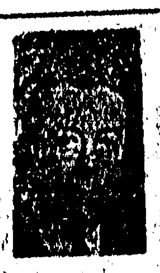
	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Kimberley	16	11	1	134	108	37.4
x-Nelson	17	10	2	164	143	33.53
x-Trail	15	10	2	154	171	30.93
Spokane	13	17	1	131	143	26.35

X-Includes two games loss for exceeding league player limit.

Fractional points awarded because of unbalanced schedule.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD



Another Tiff With Muzzy Ends Exactly Nowhere

Mr. Champion was kibitzing Mr. Muzzy when this deal was played, and these two got into a brilliant discussion about the handling of the diamond suit. It ended—as most arguments with Mr. Muzzy end—nowhere.

Mr. Abel opened the jack of hearts against Mr. Muzzy's three no trump contract. The queen was put up in dummy and it held. Now Mr. Muzzy went to work on the diamonds. He led a low one to his ace. Then he entered dummy with the ace of clubs and returned the 10 of diamonds, on which Mr. Masters played the eight. After some thought he slapped down the king dropping Mr. Abel's queen.

"CRAZY, MAN"

"Worst play I ever saw," said Mr. Champion.

Mr. Muzzy turned on him angrily. "You're crazy, man" he stated flatly. "How could I do better than lose no tricks at all in the suit?"

"That's not the point," replied Mr Champion impatiently. "You've got to take the diamond finesse because that play absolutely guarantees three no trump on the hand."

"But the way I play it, I make four," Mr. Muzzy pointed out. "Look, I'll leave it up to Masters."

"No you don't," grinned Mr. Masters. "Kindly include me out of the discussion. I'm neutral."

ONE THING?

"Well, let me say just this one thing," lied Mr Champion. (Actually he had several things in mind to say.) "Suppose the queen of diamonds doesn't drop. That means Masters is left with the good queen in his hand. You can't win nine tricks with bringing in the diamond suit, so you have to let Masters in and he leads spades through your king and they take four spade tricks.

"Now suppose you take the diamond finesse," Mr. Champion continued, "and it loses, as it would have on this particular hand. So what? You're losing to the hand that can't lead through your king doubleton of spades. And you'll still make game, winning four diamonds, two hearts and three clubs."

Mr. Champion was right, as usual. But Mr. Muzzy had the last word. "The fact remains," "that on this hand I make four no trump and you would have made only three."

"Bring me a drink, waiter," called Mr. Champion wearily. "Better make it a double one," he added.

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
Mrs. Keen
♠ 8 4 2
♥ Q 5
♦ 10 5 4 2
♣ A K 10 5

WEST
Mr. Abel
♠ A Q 9 5
♥ K J 10 9 3
♦ Q 7
♣ 8 2

EAST
Mr. Masters
♠ J 10 7 3
♥ 8 6 4
♦ 8 6
♣ J 9 4 3

SOUTH
Mr. Muzzy
♠ K 6
♥ A 7 2
♦ A K J 9 3
♣ Q 7 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 diamond	double	2 clubs	Pass
2 no trump	Pass	3 no trump	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Quaker Loaned To New York

SASKATOON (CP) Saskatoon Quakers of the Western Hockey League announced today that defenceman Tom Fontinato will go to New York Rangers of the National Hockey League in return Quakers will receive defenceman Jack Evans.

Fontinato is to join Rangers in Detroit Thursday night, [illegible] said reports here the trade night for the WHL leader against Vancouver Canucks.

The Quakers also announced they will receive another player besides Evans from New York. [illegible] will join the club for the WHL east of [illegible] Feb. 2.

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