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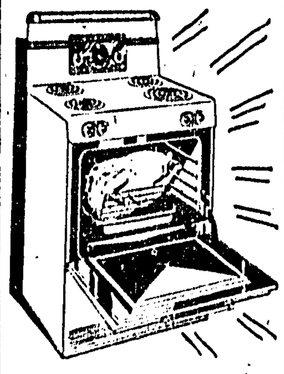

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By The Associated Press

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Klamath Falls, Ore.: Jimmy Grow, 134, Boise Idaho, knocked out Teddy Hall, 133, Seattle, (8.)

Hamilton, Bermuda: Yova Kid, 175, Havana, outpointed Herman Harris, 172, Asheville, N.C. (10.)

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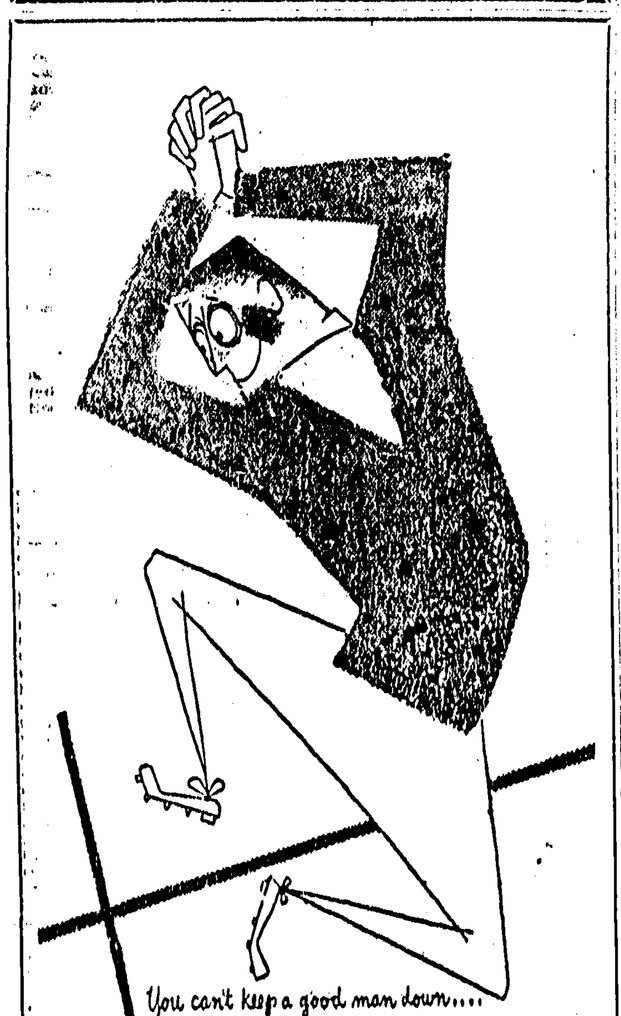

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NEWFOUNDLAND CHAMPIONS — The St. John's, Nfld., rink, founded in 1868, will represent the province in Canadian curling championship at Regina March 7-11. Only one of the foursome, Norman Rockwell (right) skip, has been in the national competition previously. Left to right: Carmen Rockwell, lead; Norman Pounder, second; Len Oliver, vice-skip and Norman Rockwell. (CP Photo)

Newfoundlanders Confident Of Several Wins at Regina

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Stiffer competition than most of them have ever seen awaits Newfoundland's entry in the Canadian Curling championships at Regina March 7-11.

The St. John's rink skipped by Norman Rockwell earned the right to represent the province by defeating Grand Falls and Corner Brook in the provincial playoffs.

Apart from Rockwell, who was a member of the Newfoundland rink in 1953, rink members have never attended the competition. Other members are lead Carmen Rockwell, brother of the skip; Norman Pounder, second, a curler for only three years, and Len Oliver.

LACK COMPETITION

Skip Rockwell, a former football, baseball and hockey player, says he thinks "we will not come back without one or two wins. However, Newfoundland teams have a serious handicap because rinks on the mainland are always playing against keen competition while we have only four rinks in the province."

Oliver, a bank manager with 15 years' curling experience, was a star baseball pitcher in the city for several years.

Carmen Rockwell, a salesman, also has been curling for 15 years.

Pounder, whose only sports activity is curling, began playing only four years ago. This is his first try in mainland competition.

The St. John's club has represented Newfoundland three of the four years the province has been entered. It won one game in 1951, and a Corner Brook rink won another game in 1952. Apart from this, Newfoundland rinks have lost all games in the Canadian classic.

The St. John's club, organized in 1868, plays the draw game.

Thompson Scores 16th Goal Of Career As Goalie Absent

By The Canadian Press

Jim Thomson scored his 16th goal in 637 big-league hockey games Wednesday night. Even he wasn't too surprised this time.

The 28-year-old defenceman with Toronto Maple Leafs golfed the puck 110 feet into an empty net to give the third-place Leafs a 3-1 National Hockey League victory over New York Rangers.

Thompson has had trouble with goaltenders since he broke into the NHL for five games in 1945. He didn't have to worry about them when he scored in New York Wednesday night.

Rangers had yanked netminder Lorne Worsley in favor of an extra forward and the goalmouth was like a cavern when Thomson slapped the puck into it with 43 seconds left in the game.

It was his third goal of the 1954-55 campaign and sank any hopes the New Yorkers had of gaining a tie.

In the only other game, the fourth-place Boston Bruins were held to a 3-3 deadlock by the last-place Chicago Black Hawks at St. Paul, Minn. Rookie centre Eddie Litzenberger scored all the Chicago goals. Bruins now are four points behind Leafs.

At New York, the Rangers had just benched Worsley when Thompson scored. He now is only one goal away from his most productive season. In 1948-49 he scored four goals. In his nine-year NHL career the six-foot, 188-pound rearguard has 16 goals for 593 regular games and 54 playoff engagements.

Leftwinger Sid Smith of the Leafs scored his 29th goal of the season at 11:26 of the second period to break a 0-0 deadlock. Joe Klukay made it 2-0 at 9:07 of the third.

Rightwinger Bill Ezinicki, a former Leaf, scored the only Ranger goal at 12:42 of the third period to pull Rangers to within striking distance. That's as far as they could go.

Ezinicki turned in a fine performance. The 175-pound muscleman, playing against Leafs for the first time this year since New York brought him up from the Western Hockey League Vancouver Canucks, tossed four crunching body checks.

Leafs now have 64 points, 12 behind Montreal Canadiens and Detroit Red Wings, who are tied for first place.

The Bruins had to come from behind late in the second period to gain their tie against Hawks.

Doug Mohns tallied twice for Boston. Rookie centre Don McKenney got the other.

Tonight, Leafs take on Canadiens at Montreal.

Hockey Scores

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Victoria 10, New Westminster 4.

Vancouver 4, Edmonton 2.

Vernon Takes 3-0 Lead In Playoffs

By The Canadian Press

The Okanagan Senior Amateur Hockey league playoff could end in Kamloops Friday night when the high-riding Vernon Canadians take on Kamloops Elks from behind a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven final.

Vernon took the third straight game Wednesday night with a 5-3 comeback triumph. Should Vernon drop the Friday game, the fifth game will go back in Vernon Saturday.

In the sister circuit, the Western International Hockey League the best-of-seven final resumes in Kimberley tonight with Dynamiters neck-and-neck with Nelson Maple Leafs.

Each team has won one game—and by identical scores of 6-5.

Vernon was behind 3-2 in the third period when they exploded for three goals.

Elks got the jump and held a 2-0 lead until late in the first period. Canadians tied it early in the second, but Elks came back late in the session to lead for the last time.

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Saskatchewan Chalks Up Seventh Straight Victory

By GERRY MARTIN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

SYDNEY, N.S. (CP)—Saskatchewan curlers made it seven straight Wednesday night when they downed Manitoba 10-5 in the Dominion school bonspiel's seventh round.

Prince Edward Island stayed right behind Saskatchewan with a 12-3 triumph over Quebec. Prince Edward Island has only one loss.

Ontario, tied with Prince Edward Island after six rounds, lost out in an extra end to Alberta 7-6. The loss leave Ontario and Alberta tied with five wins and two losses.

New Brunswick won its third match and moved into a fourth-place tie with Quebec and Northern Ontario by defeating Nova Scotia 11-2. Nova Scotia has won only once.

Northern Ontario handed British Columbia its fifth loss, 10-4.

Only two rounds remain to be played this afternoon and evening. The evening rounds has been scheduled for 7:30 AST instead of 8 p.m., in case a tie should result and a final match has to be played.

Three rounds were played Wednesday.

In the sixth round Prince Edward Island handed Manitoba its sixth loss 10-7 and Ontario came up with a 9-8 win over Northern Ontario. Alberta defeated Nova Scotia 10-5.

British Columbia's Dennis Reed rink won its sixth-round match, defeating Quebec 9-5.

Curling Results

Results of Rupert Motors Trophy curling last night are as follows:

6:30 draw—Robertson 10, Parker 2; W. Stewart 12, Rogerson 10; Paul 8, Garner 6. 8:30 draw—Petersen 9, Kellough 7; Miller 11, Holliston 7; Mitchell 9, Thom 8. 10:30 draw—Berg 8, Johnston 6; Ostertag 14, Moore 4; Taylor 14, Bateman 11.

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