Invitational Tourney Planned

Four-Team Series Slated March 23-24

The Prince Rupert Basketball Association executive is hoping to revive the International Basketball Invitational Tournament during "Basketball Week" in Prince Rupert March 19 to 24, it was announced following an executive meeting Saturday.

The series, which has been inactive for five years will see two city teams and two Alaska teams play off in a round robin tournament.

Tentative arrangements call for invitations to go out to the Ketchikan Rockets, and the New Metlakatla Athletic Club to meet the city Challengers and the city All-Star team March 23 and 24, PRBA publicity representative John Dumas said.

There will be two games each night, Dumas said, with the winners of the Friday night game playing off the second night and the losers playing a preliminary.

In connection with the tourney, a banquet will be held Friday, March 23 and a dance the following night after the game.

Trophies will be awarded for the winner of the international series and also to the most valuable player of the tournament.

Last Invitational Tourney was won by the Rupert Jets in February 1951 between Ketchikan, New Metlakatla, the Jets and the Rupert II team.

Don Scherk, PRBA president and current Challenger guard, won the most valuable player award. Other veterans of the last series who are presently members of the Challenger squad are Jim Flaten, Syd Scherk, Rupe Holkestad and Ray Spring.

The executive also intends arranging an "oldtimers" game for March 20. A high school team will be lined up as competition for the city's basketball oldsters, who will be under the direction of coach Art Murray, Dumas said.

At half time during the oldtimers game a foul shooting contest will be staged, which will be open to anyone not playing basketball.

In other business, the executive have scheduled extra league games this week in order to make up games lost through the season because of cancellations and postponements.

Thursday at 9 p.m. Frizzell's will play La Gondola in a senior loop match.

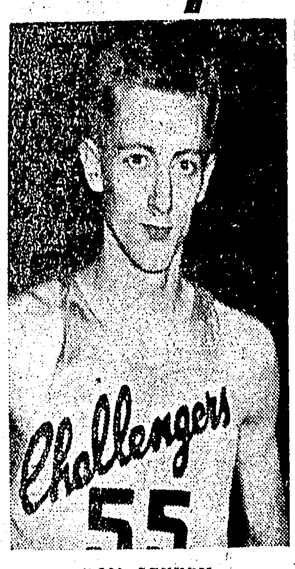
Two other senior league games will be played Friday and Saturday if proposed games between Aiyansh and the city All-Stars fail to materialize on those days.

Sunrise will meet the Gondoliers Friday and Frizzell's will take on the Gondola squad Saturday at 7:30 p.m. each night prior to the main event game between New Metlakatla Athletic Club and the city Challengers.

Opening game Friday will match Manson's and Orme's of the city juvenile loop.

Also approved by the executive is a third match between the city All-Stars and the Challengers March 9.

The Challengers and an all-star Senior Girls team are scheduled for matches with Kitimat teams at the Alcan centre March 11, while March 16 and 17, Challengers will travel to Ketchikan for games with the Rockets.



DON SCHERK
. . . trophy winner

Thom Trophy Winner

The Lil Thom rink last night won the Art Murray Trophy by an 11-9 score in an extra-end game forced when Lou Bone quartet tied the score 9-9 in the 12th end.

Thom quartet advanced to the final after taking an 11-5 decision off Ethel Johnson at 7 p.m. Lou Bone's rink went into the finals after winning a 9-7 decision from Leah McKay.

The Bone rink of Doris Johnston, third, Jean Dickens, second and Ruby Merrison lead were down all the way in until the 12th end when they gained the tie.

In the extra end, the Thom rink with Bertha Dunbar, third, Kathleen Laurie, second and Alice Poulton lead were sitting two before the final rocks and maintained the advantage.

Bertha Dunbar 210 Average Tops League

Bertha Dunbar, stellar kegler for Jeannies of "A" League holds top spot in the Ladies Five Pin Bowling League showing an average score of 210, according to a compilation of bowling averages just released by the league.

Ruth Ramsay of the Credit Union team, with an average of 193 leads "B" league.

Runner-up spot in "A" loop is tied three ways with Agnes Pierce of Lyons, Pebbles Dickens of Annettes and Jessie Shenton of New Laurel each having 197 averages.

Other "A" league bowlers in the "top 10" averages are Clara Bellamy of New Laurel with 190, Dolly Nelson of Lyons with 187, Kay Johnson of Rupert Butchers with 183 and Grace McIntyre of Stars, B. Davis of Super Valu and Bertha Peterson of Dibb's each with 181.

Also showing a 181 average is Iris Clark of Pacific Cabs who is runner-up in "B" league. Other "B" loop bowlers in the top 10 averages are Elsie Rosang of Co-Op with 178, M. Vuckovich of Co-Op with 177, M. Montgomery of Armour Salvage and M. Logan of Hopefuls with 175, M. Keays of McKay's with 174, A. Girbav of Van's with 173 and I. Stewart of Universal and R. Telford of Radio Cabs with 171.

ON TOP OF IT — It's like falling off a log, the way seven-foot Bill Uhl, Dayton University basketball centre, makes his favorite shot — the tip-in — at the university gym during a practice session. Uhl's rated as one of the top cagers in the country.

Jessie Shenton, Betty Dahl Lead Teams To 5-Pin Honors

Jessie Shenton took both player's individual honors last Tuesday, rolling a high single game of 360 and posting a high three score of 731 to assist "A" league's New Laurel to team high single of 1094 in the Ladies Five Pin Bowling League.

Lyons, with a total pinfall of 2877 took team high three for the division.

In "B" league, Betty Dahl sparked Radio Cabs to team high single of 1032 by turning in a top game of 265 and player's high three score of 642. Credit Union took team three honors with a 2600 three-game total.

Results: A league—Rupert Radio 4, Sunrise 0; Stars 4, Jeannies 0; G & A 4, Dibb's 0; Lyons 3, Super Valu 1; Rupert Butchers 2, Annettes 2; New Laurel 2, Prince Rupert Plumbers 2.

B League—Radio Cabs 4, Hopefuls 0; Credit Union 4, Universal 0; McKay's 3, Pacific Cabs 1; So-Whats 3, Cook's 1; Big Sisters 3, Co-Op 1; Armour Salvage 2, Van's 2.

Standings: A League — New Laurel 49, Lyons 38, Rupert Radio 33, Annettes 33, Sunrise 32, Stars 29, Jeannies 26, G & A 25, Prince Rupert Plumbers 25, Rupert Butchers 25, Super Valu 23, Dibb's 20.

B League—Van's 42, McKay's 39, Credit Union 36, Armour Salvage 34, Radio Cabs 33, Co-Op 30, Pacific Cabs 29, Big Sisters 26, Hopefuls 26, Cook's 23, So-Whats 22, Universal 19.

Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press

San Diego, Calif — Archie Moore, 196, San Diego, stopped Bob Dunlap, 200, Oakland, (1-non-title).

Bangor, Me.—Vince Martinez, 150¾, Patterson, N.J., stopped Paolo Melis, 150, Montreal, (4).

New York — Miguel Berrios, 127½, Puerto Rico, outpointed Bob Bell, 128, Youngstown, Ohio, (10).

New Orleans—Charley Joseph, 158, New Orleans, stopped Jimmy Beecham, 151, Miami Beach, Fla., (6).

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"Dirty Play" Said Factor In Delinquency

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Brooklyn outfielder Carl Furillo today attributed much juvenile delinquency to "dirty play" in the majors.

"Kids go to a ball game and see a batter get hit or someone spiked and they think it's part of the game," said Furillo, who has been beaned seven times in his career.

"I don't think it is. If baseball teaches kids it's all right to play dirty so long as you win, we'll never stop juvenile delinquency."

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China-Clipper Honored By Home-Town Boosters

By DAVID OANCIA
Canadian Press Staff Writer

CALGARY (CP)— Football experts testified Monday night that when Normie Kwong is good, he is very, very good. Otherwise he's just terrific.

They praised the China Clipper, Edmonton Eskimos' all-star fullback who was named Canada's 1955 male athlete of the year, before 600 persons who turned out to honor him at a Calgary Booster Club "Kwongfest."

Kwong heard tributes full of lines much easier to take than those he hits on the gridiron. His father, Charles Kwong, sat beside him with unconcealed pride in the way his fellow Calgarians felt.

At the $10-a-plate dinner, the chunky Edmonton fullback was presented with a Booster Club trophy by Wally Rowan, club president, gifts from the city of Calgary by Mayor Don Mackay and presents from the High School Football Association.

LAUDED BY COACHES

Three of the China Clipper's professional football mentors described experiences with the Calgary-born football star.

Les Lear, the first coach Kwong worked under in professional football, said "the rookie" had the burning desire to go on to become a great football player. Lear, who led Calgary Stampeders to two Grey Cup finals between 1947 and 1952, was at the helm when Kwong was traded to Edmonton in 1952.

Annis Stukus, former coach of Eskimos and British Columbia Lions, told about obtaining Kwong for Edmonton.

"I watched him play against us the previous year and that was enough for me. I wasn't sure what we were going to do with him but I wanted to make certain he didn't play against us."

Frank Filchok, coach of Saskatchewan Roughriders and a former Edmonton coach, said "Kwong is one of the greatest backs I have ever seen in football."

Eskimo coach Frank (Pop) Ivy, Kwong's present boss, described him as a "good all-round player who really goes to bat when the chips are down."

PART IN DEAL

Reg Clarkson, a football player turned oil company employee, told of his indirect part in Kwong's career and lauded his prowess on the grid.

"I was the other half of the Calgary-Edmonton deal in 1950," he said. "Fortunately, most people don't remember my name, but they always remember the names of two other persons involved in the deal—Kwong's and that of my good friend Les Lear."

"Kwong isn't good all the time but when he isn't good he's terrific," Clarkson quipped.

Stukus lauded Kwong as a great competitor who gives his all every time he is on the field.

Kwong now is 26. When he was 15, he broke into junior football and before he was 18 he was in professional ranks with Stampeders. He has been in Five Grey Cup games, three with Eskimos and two with Stampeders.

WHL Prexy Vetoes Seattle Plan

SEATTLE (AP)—The Seattle Americans professional hockey team challenged the Russian Olympic champions to a series in Seattle but ran head-on into a veto Monday.

Al Leader, president of the Western Hockey League, said the Americans couldn't enter any foreign alliances without an okay from him, from the owners of other teams in the league and from the International Hockey Association.

Leader stepped in before the team could even get a "nyet" from Premier Nikolai Bulganin, who has nyetted similar offers from some Canadian hockey collectives.

In part, this is what was said in the Seattle teams paid cablegram to Premier Bulganin, The Kremlin, Moscow, USSR.

"In the interest of furthering international relations through the medium of athletic endeavor, we extend an expenses-paid invitation to the Russian Olympic hockey team to meet the Seattle Americans in a best-two-of-three series in Seattle in early April."

The cablegram neglected to mention that Seattle is at the bottom of the league standings in the coast division.

Warriors Increase WHL Lead

By The Canadian Press

With the Western Hockey League in the final stretch of the playoffs, Winnipeg Warriors seem intent on putting as much distance as possible between their coveted first place in the Prairie division and the second spot held down by Calgary Stampeders.

Warriors, led by former National Hockey League scrapper Bill Mosienko, slapped a 3-1 defeat on Calgary Monday night before 9,329 approving Winnipeg fans.

It was one of two games in the WHL Monday night. While the entire Coast division was idle along with Brandon Regals, the Edmonton Flyers turned back Saskatoon Quakers 4-2.

Warriors' victory stretched their lead in the Prairie section to five points over Calgary, top of the league most of the season.

WITHIN FOUR POINTS

With their victory at Saskatoon, Flyers advanced to within four points of Calgary and 13 points up on fourth-place Quakers.

In Winnipeg, Mosienko scored twice and Hugh Barlow once for the victory. Archie Scott got Calgary's lone goal.

At Saskatoon, all the goals were single efforts. Don Polle, Billy Dea, Steve Hrymnak and Gerry Melnyk counted for Flyers while Bill McCreary and Don Raleigh were the Quaker marksmen.

Two Coast teams and two from the Prairies see action tonight. The Coast-leading Victoria Cougars play second-place Vancouver on Canucks' home ice while Calgary travels to Brandon.

Semi-Finals Underway In Interior

By The Canadian Press

Vernon Canadians and Kelowna Packers each took a one-game lead Monday night in the opening games of the best-of-seven semi-finals in the Okanagan Senior Hockey League.

Trail and Spokane won their semi-finals in the Western International Hockey League openers Monday.

At Penticton, the third-place Packers defeated second-place Vs 6-5 while league-leading Canadians downed Kamloops Elks 7-2 in a home game.

The hosting Nelson Maple Leafs, which wound up the season in second place, went down to 6-0 defeat at the hands of third-place Trail Smoke Eaters.

WIHL leading Spokane Indians sailed to 5-1 victory over cellar-dwelling Kimberley Dynamiters.

Next games in the series go Wednesday.

British Skater Canada-Bound

LONDON (AP)—Paul Thomas, 19-year-old British figure-skater and co-holder of the world dance pair skating championship, will be Canada-bound in the early fall.

Thomas now is a bacteriological student at a West London hospital. When the course ends in September, he will follow his parents' example and emigrate to Canada.

In mid-February Thomas and his partner, 22-year-old Pamela Wright, won the dance pairs event of the world figure-skating championship at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. They also hold the British and European titles.

Thomas plans to live in Vancouver.

Linebacker Returning

REGINA (CP)— John Wozniak, 240-pound centre-linebacker, will return to Saskatchewan Roughriders of the Western Interprovincial Football Union for his fourth season, club president Don McPherson announced today.

An all-star defensive linebacker in his first two seasons with the club, Wozniak suffered a broken leg in Riders' third league game last fall.

"His injured leg is okay now," McPherson reported.

CN Curling Results

Results of curling by the Canadian National Curling Club during the past two weeks is as follows:

Feb. 20—Buchanan 7, Hildebrand 0; Mitchell 9, Tschabold 5; Paul 12, McKenzie 8; Cameron 10, Lahti 6; McFadden 15, McAra 7; Marback 14, Berg 5.

Feb. 16—Tschabold 14, Paul 3; Cameron 9, McAra 6; Mitchell 5, Marback 4; Hildebrand 11, Buchanan 4; McKenzie 6, Lahti 5; Berg 10, McFadden 7.

TWO FORMER GREATS of the National Hockey League, Dave (Sweeney) Schriner (left) and Joe Primeau relax in the dressing room after an old-timers' hockey game at Vancouver. Primeau was the centre for the famed "Kid Line," of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Schriner also played for the Leafs and other NHL teams. At Vancouver they played for the Whites who lost to the Blues 11-5. Schriner got two assists and Primeau a goal. (CP Photo)

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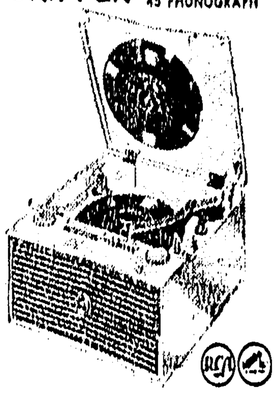

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