

# At The CURLING CLUB

By BOB RUDDERHAM

The usual work party is on for this Sunday so if you have already got your Christmas Tree, come on out and give us a hand for a couple of hours.

There will also be an Executive Meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday so I would advise that all directors be on hand for a short meeting. This meeting was to have been on Thursday but it seems that it was forgotten by some of the Executive, at least, I forgot about it.

Word has it that Harold Thom and his wife, Lil, are coming back this way for the Christmas Week. It is too bad that the rink isn't ready as yet for I believe that they would both give their right arms for a few ends with old friends. I am almost certain that they have no rink in their part of Washington State. Both Harold and Lil are past presidents of the men's and ladies' clubs.

Well, we are reaching the final stages before getting ready to play. One line is nearly over to the B.C. Packers Plant and if it wasn't for the few days holiday in the coming week, I would say that we would have been flowing by next weekend and be able to make ice shortly after the New Year. The pump and all accessory gear is here now, and just waiting to be hooked up. Just a reminder for those members who are going to curl this coming year. Please pay your dues to Bert Field in Lindsay's Carriage, Joe Scott in Kaien Hardware or Bob Rudderham in McLean & Rudderham's before the year is out. Also make sure that you are on a rink.

Bert Field has also given me a list of those who pledged money in July but who haven't honored them yet. These will have to be brought in soon or we may have to quit construction. The Building Committee went ahead on the assumption that these amounts would be paid and it sure doesn't sound fair that this group should be held responsible to the membership because a few of our members do not keep their trust. I am sure that we will see those members taking part in the curling in the future just as readily as those who scraped the bottom of their pockets to purchase a debenture in a good thing for themselves and for the City. Personally I think an example should be made unless a valid reason for not paying is produced.

Let's see this job finished.

## Boxer Taken To Hospital After Fight

NEW YORK (AP)—Jimmy Fisher, a young Philadelphia welterweight, was in St. Clare's Hospital in "fair" condition today after losing a six-round preliminary bout to Rudy Gwin of Cleveland Friday night at Madison Square Garden.

Fisher dropped Gwin in the first round but was knocked down in the third and took a beating the rest of the way. He was carried to his dressing room.

Dr. Alexander Schiff of the New York State Athletic Commission reported the boxer suffered a slight concussion and would be held for observation for 12 hours.



JEAN BELIVEAU, 25-year-old centre for Montreal Canadiens, has been a high scorer since he joined the National Hockey League team as a regular in the 1952-53 season. Last season he got 47 goals and 41 assists. To Dec. 20 this year he had scored 16 goals and 30 assists for a healthy league lead. He was born in Trois-Rivieres, Que.

### COLLECTORS BUSY

BRIDGE-BLEAN, England (AP)—All municipal officials of this Kent community will get Christmas Eve off, except rent collectors. Council treasurer William Gardner said: "If they don't go out before Christmas they'll never get their money."

# Cougars Whip First Place Americans, Canucks Edge Flyers in Overtime Win

## Warriors Lose 11th Straight To High-Flying Regals

By The Canadian Press

Despite a six-man attack during the last minute of the game, the hard-luck Winnipeg Warriors lost another game in the Western Hockey League Friday night, 2-1 to Brandon Regals.

It was their 11th straight loss, seven of which have been by one-goal margins.

An overtime goal gave Vancouver Canucks a 3-2 win over Edmonton Flyers at Edmonton and Victoria Cougars beat Seattle Americans 4-1 in Victoria.

There was no change in standings.

Tonight's games see Victoria at New Westminster, Vancouver at Calgary and Winnipeg at Brandon.

**TOUGH LOSS**

The loss was a tough one for Warriors, who outshot Brandon 24-18 and played one of the best games of their losing streak.

Bill Mosienko scored for Winnipeg. Howie Yanosik and Les Colwill counted for Brandon.

It was centre Phil Maloney who scored the winner for Vancouver in overtime while the Canucks were a man short, defenseman Hugh Currie being off for hooking. Earl (Ching) Johnson scored the other two Vancouver goals. Edmonton marksmen were Jerry Melnyk and Bill MacFarland.

For the Cougars, it was the third game in a row without a loss.

**KILBURN GETS TWO**

Playing coach Colin Kilburn scored twice for Cougars and his first goal of the season. Doug Anderson got the fourth Victoria goal.

Ray Kinasevich scored midway in the third for Seattle, spoiling Marcel Pelletier's at-

tempt to register a third shut-out.

As the final whistle sounded, Kilburn and Pete Wright tangled behind the Seattle goal and all the players milled around for a few minutes before order was restored.

## Secret Sessions Seen For 1957 Shrine Games

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Terry Brennan, the Notre Dame coach who has charge of the east squad for the Dec. 29 Shrine football game, says he will padlock gates next week for secret practices.

The team will go off the two-practices-a-day standard Sunday.

"I'm satisfied with the progress of the boys," said the Notre Dame coach.

Paul Hornung, Notre Dame quarterback on the east squad, said he had talked with a representative of the Vancouver football club. He said he had not signed anything.

The west team also planned secret sessions for the Shrine game.

"We have a thing or two we want to put in without everyone in the world knowing what they are," said coach Buck Shaw.

## Pro Football Rugged, Not Viciously Dirty

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK (AP)—A stranger to these shores, reading about pro football games, might blurt in amazement. "This is sport!"

He could be excused for getting the idea the players make up the rules as they go along, the officials are a bunch of flea-brained incompetents and that standard equipment includes the cestus, tomahawk and brass knuckles.

Seldom has a season produced more terrifying yowls of anguish from coaches and club officials, with those who think their rights have been maimed beyond repair practically standing in line waiting their turn to see the harried National Football League commissioner, Bert Bell.

**STILL ECHOING**

Just last Sunday, the Chicago Bears-Detroit Lions game produced an incident which still is echoing and re-echoing. It involved the incapacitating injury suffered by Bobby Layne, a Detroit's star quarterback, as a result of a tackle by Ed Meadows, Bear end.

We did not see the incident, in fact, as a televiewer we didn't even see Layne carried from the field, the announcer merely stating that "Layne was shaken up," a standard explanation even if an athlete has broken a leg or cracked a few ribs.

**BEYOND BELIEF**

We may be naive about such things after all these years, but we can't comprehend a player deliberately setting out to injure an opponent, thus not only putting his life in peril but depriving him of his livelihood.

The pros are out there making a living, and to try to keep another pro from doing that is in the same category as a shopkeeper touching a match to a pile of papers in the basement of a rival's store in the dead of night.

**Last Night's Fights**

New York (AP)—Gospar Ortega, (148), Tijuana, Mexico, out-pointed Tony Demarco, (140½), Boston, 10.

Sao Paulo, Brazil (AP)—Martino Pereyra, Argentina, stopped Paulo de Jesus, Brazil, 3. For South American welterweight title.

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HARVIE GAY, Sports Editor

## Former WHL Player Helps Rangers Win Over Hawks

By The Canadian Press

New York Rangers, who have found the Western Hockey League a lucrative hunting ground for players, received another payoff from their westerners Friday night.

Larry Popein, who spent the 1952-53 and 53-54 seasons with Vancouver Canucks, scored once and assisted on two other goals as Rangers consolidated their fourth-place standing with a 3-2 victory over Chicago Black Hawks before 4,774 Chicago fans.

Popein's display was something the Ranger management has come to expect from its WHL graduates, among them defenseman Lou Fontinato and forward Andy Badgale.

Sharing Popein's triumph was goaltender Lorne (Gump) Worsley, his teammate on the Canucks, 1953-54 team. Worsley came up with another of his brilliant games, kicking out 33 shots, while Al Rollins was handling only 21 at the other end.

**BREAKAWAY**

Popein's goal was scored on the first of two New York breakaways. The 26-year-old Yorkton, Sask., native picked up a loose puck and skated in all alone for the first goal of the evening after five minutes of last-place Hawks in Chicago.

While Leafs and Boston fight it out, the two teams tied for second, Detroit Red Wings and Canadiens, clash in Montreal. Sunday night, Canadiens move to Detroit, Toronto is at New York and Boston gets a chance alone for the first goal of the evening after five minutes of last-place Hawks in Chicago.

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## Ortega Seeks Title Bout After Tony DeMarco Win

NEW YORK (AP)—On the strength of two victories over ex-champ Tony Demarco, Mexico's Gospar Ortega wants a welterweight title shot at the winner of the Jan. 18 match at Cleveland between Carmen Basilio and Johnny Saxton.

"We want Basilio—or Saxton if he beats him—and nobody else," said manager Jimmy Stinson Friday after Ortega had won his second split decision over Demarco.

"We beat the top contender, now we want the champion." Demarco was rated No. 1 behind Basilio in the latest National Boxing Association rankings and No. 2 in Ring magazine. Ortega was No. 4 in both rating systems.

**ONE OF BEST**

The 10-round scrap, witnessed by about 2,500 fans paying about \$8,000, was one of the best of the year in Madison Square Garden.

Ortega beat Demarco Nov. 23 by fighting him, not boxing, and he repeated the same way. The Mexican almost finished off Tony in the first round, when he drove him through the ropes with a flurry of punches, ending with a right uppercut.

Demarco went flat on his back on the ring apron with his legs draped over the bottom rope. He just got back into the ring and up on his feet as referee Mark Conn counted nine. Although Tony supposedly is the heavier puncher and shook up Ortega in the seventh, he never could drop his man. Ortega weighed 143, Demarco 140½.

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## Soccer Players Get 1st Bonus In 36 Years

By KEN METHERAL

Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (AP)—Christmas will come a week late to British soccer players.

Starting Jan. 1 the 92 clubs in the three divisions of the football league will increase game bonuses paid to their players.

The first such increase in 36 years.

The increase announced by the league in mid-December sets the bonus payment for each player in a victorious club at £3, and for players taking part in a drawn game at 30 shillings.

The present bonuses, in effect since 1920, are £2 and £1 respectively.

The announcement marks the end of a two-year drive by the 3,000-member football players' union, which earlier this year threatened strike action unless agreement was reached on players' demands for a higher rate. And it marks a complete reversal by league clubs from a stand taken only six months earlier.

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