IN THIS CORNER

By DICK AYRES

Without any hint of blarney or the feeling that we've been sold on something merely because we've been "plugging" it, we figure that the coming Northern B.C. Inter-High School Invitational Basketball tournament should be a good deal all round. It has all the earmarks of being a pretty exciting weekend for the high schoolers and should provide Prince Rupert basketball fans with more than something about which to natter.

A tournament, from way back in King Arthur's day (or to modern youth, Prince Valiant's day) has always brought the cash customers on the double because it entails a fight to the finish with the man or team with the most of what it takes emerging the winner.

Whether it be tennis, golf, boxing, curling or basketball, a round-robin tourney sees everyone play everyone else and gives the thrill-seeking spectator the climax for which he pays his hard-earned buck.

Last year's round-robin between the three Senior B league entries and the intermediate loop lads proved that. In the final game between Manson's and the Rainmakers the roof was nearly lifted off the Civic Centre gym. The pace was hot and heavy, the supporters partisan and feeling high. All in all the players gave their best and the fans received their full value.

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A similar situation will come to pass Friday and Saturday. Three Booth Memorial High school junior boys squads, and two Booth girls teams will be host to girls and boys teams from Terrace and Kitimat and a boys team from Ocean Falls. The boys teams, Frizzell's, North Star and Sunrise will match speed and shots with Terrace, Kitimat and Ocean Falls lads while Green and Golds of Bo-Me-Hi will take on Kitimat and Terrace girls.

As the wins and the losses are tallied, so the excitement and the tension increases. As the pressure builds up shots that once were easy will go astray. Ordinarily calm players will suddenly acquire nerves. Mediocre players will be inspired and come into their own. Truly good players will show their worth by holding teams together and leading the way in ability and sportsmanship. But out of the [illegible] games a champion boys team and a champion girls team will emerge and they will have earned their prizes and plaudits.

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It's taken for granted that every parent of a Booth Memorial High School student will be taking in the games, the students will be there en masse with the cheering section of **Alma Carlson, Jean Smurthwaite, Libby Pierce** and **Sue Martin** along with cheer leader **Ken McKinnon** waving out with the Bo-Me-Hi yells. All we want to ensure is that the rest of **Prince Rupert** takes in this two day festival of basketball. Take our word for it, if you don't, somewhere along the way you're going to miss a "dream game."

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Don't know what it is but Canada's heavyweight champ, **Earl Walls** lacks something. Maybe with all the postponements for his duel with **James J. Parker**, he'd lost his edge last night when he tangled with **Jimmy Slade**. For a lad with aspirations for the heavyweight crown and not getting any younger he should be mowing 'em down and piling up a better knockout record if he wants to reach Signor **Rocky Marciano**. Big or small opponents he's having trouble. He lost to **Man Mountain Edgardo Romero** in **Vancouver** and then won later. Last night he didn't look so hot in edging the smaller Mr. Slade. Slade's record shows plainly and the picture at right proves it, that he's a mean looking cuss who will carve a man to ribbons without knocking him out. With the edge in height, weight and reach Walls should have put the Bronx boy away in six. But he didn't. This means Mr. Slade is either very good or Walls isn't as sharp as we're led to believe. Still it makes you wonder. He did get the nod over Jimmy who scored an upset over third-ranked **Don Cockell** of England. This should mean that only **Bob Parker of Pittsburg**, a clever gentleman by the name of **Ezzard Charles** from Cincinnati, the tubby **Cockell** and **Cuba's Nino Valdes** remain in Walls's path to where Mr. Marciano awaits. Gruesome isn't it? We'd say that our Canadian champ has to develop a little more of "the tiger" and get the jobs done and get 'em early.

Of course there is a hitch and we've just recalled what Earl lacks. He doesn't like hurting. **Jack Dempsey** said that three of the prime requisites of a good fighter were that you had had to like fighting, you had to be able to dish it out and you had to be able to take it. Well, as Sev Dominato and your truly will testify, having seen Walls absorb Romero's haymakers in Vancouver he can take it. As Tommy Harrison, who beat Walls the first time, only to be slayed in the first round the second time, can prove, Walls can dish it out. So let's hope we'll see him go up a couple more rungs of the fistic ladder this year. Let's hope he starts enjoying the gentle art of self defence. That's what it's called isn't it?

POST SCRIPTS — Pulled a "boo-boo" in yesterday's basketball write up when we said that the Senior B game **Saturday night** was cancelled because **Rainmakers** and **Gordon and Anderson** were short of players. Twas not so of course. It was **Manson's** and **Rainmakers** who were scheduled and most of Manson's were up north. G & A and Rainmakers meet tonight in the final fixture of a four-game card, which sees **Bo-Me-Hi Golds** play the **Greens** of the same name in the Girls League and **Manson's** play **Ovnes** and **Sports Shop** and **Annunciation** in the Junior Boys loop . . . For the record last Tuesday's score in the **Green's vs Dom's** game the final score was 20-18 not 20-17. A free shot was sunk after the final buzzer, and neither the scorekeeper nor yours truly took note of it . . . A couple of columns back we pondered **Sugar Ray Robinson's** reasons for staging a comeback. Today we have a story confirming our suspicions. More jack for less work. Well, that figures.

Boxing Easier Profession Than Dancing Says Sugar

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

CHICAGO (AP) — Sugar Ray Robinson finds boxing is easier work and pays better than being a song and dance man.

Although the former welterweight and middleweight titleholder is far from broke, he can use more money just like anybody else, says Joe Glaser. And that's mainly why Robinson is attempting a comeback at the age of 34 to regain his crown from Bobo Olson.

Glaser, a well-to-do theatrical booking agent, booked Sugar Ray on the night club-theatre circuit during his 30 months retirement from the ring. Glaser got 10 per cent of Robinson's take then, and he gets the same now.

Glaser thinks fight fans will be pleasantly surprised to find Robinson is about the same magnificent boxer and puncher that he was several years ago when he is tested by Ralph (Tiger) Jones in Chicago Stadium Wednesday night.

A GOOD STAR

The 10-rounded will be televised (CBS) starting at 9 p.m. CST.

Sugar Ray started his comeback with a six-round knockout of Joe Rindone at Detroit Jan. 5.

Glaser said that on the entertainment circuit, Robinson was getting about a minimum of $5,000 a week and twice reached as high as $15,000.

"But out of that he had to pay off any helpers he had in the show and other expenses," added Glaser. "And the way Robinson worked. He was booked for three to six nights a week. And it was nothing for him to practice up to five hours a day on his dancing routine. It was a lot of work the way he did it—more work than being boxer, and actually less money, considering the time spent at it."

Last Night's Fights

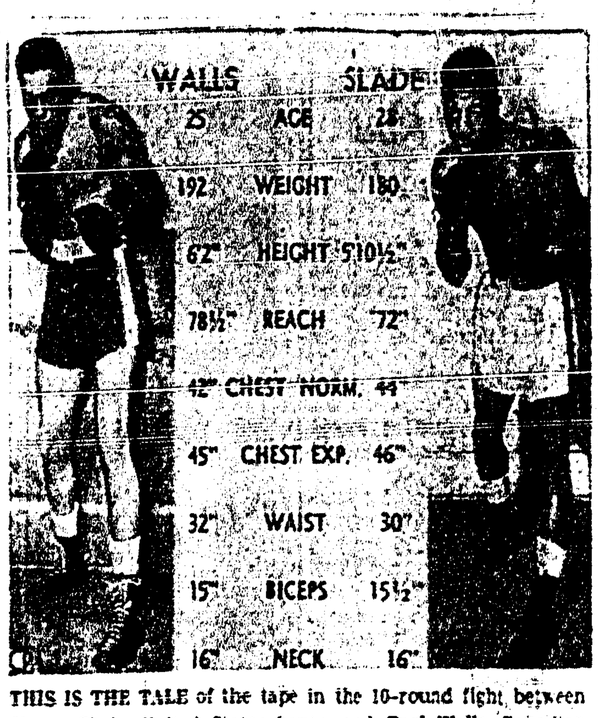
By The Associated Press

BOSTON—World featherweight champion, Sandy Saddler, 131, New York, stopped Lulu Perez, 127¼, Brooklyn (4), non title.

BROOKLYN—Floyd Patterson, 168, Brooklyn, stopped Don Grant, 166¾, Los Angeles (5).

NEW YORK — Milo Savage, 150¾, Salt Lake City, outpointed Moses Ward, 161, Detroit (10).

PARIS—Charles Humez, 159¾, France, stopped Hans Streiz, 163, Germany (9).



THIS IS THE TALE of the tape in the 10-round fight between Jimmy Slade, United States boxer, and Earl Walls, Canadian heavyweight champion, at Toronto last night. Walls won by a unanimous decision.

Walls Decisions Slade; Title Bout Next Month

TORONTO (CP)—Canadian heavyweight champion Earl Walls of Toronto looked ahead today to a February title bout with James J. Parker after outpointing "Jack-in-the-box" Jimmy Slade of the Bronx in a 10-rounder at Maple Leaf Gardens Monday night.

"Walls' next man will be Parker. We hope to have it in February," said promoter Frank Tunney after the 25-year-old titleholder won a unanimous decision over Slade.

"No date has been set yet, but Parker's contract has been in for some time," Tunney said.

Walls and Parker were to have fought here Jan. 11 but the match was postponed when Parker, of Barrie, Ont., came down with intestinal flu.

Slade, who manager Al Joyner said "wasn't in shape" Monday night was a hurried replacement.

Walls won because he was the aggressor. His victory avenged a loss to Slade back in 1951 and solidified his Ring magazine rating as fifth ranking contender for the world title.

Judge Jackie Johnson voted for Walls, 49½ points to 47½. Judge Fred Norbert had it 49 to 46½ for Walls and referee Sam Hackett scored it 50 to 44½ for Walls.

HAD ADVANTAGE

Some in the crowd of 6,490, which brought a gate of $26,256, seemed disappointed with the official decision.

Walls, at 197½, outweighed Slade by 18¼ pounds and held a big reach and height advantage.

In the fourth round Walls caught his opponent with a roundhouse right that drove the 28-year-old New Yorker to the ropes but Slade recovered quickly.

Slade's best rounds were the seventh and 10th when he ducked in to score repeatedly with left hooks.

Walls said in his dressing room he knew that "Slade was going to make me look bad with his style of fighting."

"But I'd fight him again," Walls added.

Wings, Habs and Leafs Take 11 All-Star Spots

MONTREAL (CP) — Detroit, Toronto and Montreal swept 11 of the 12 berths on the National Hockey League's two all star teams at the midway point in the season, the league announced today.

Three players from Montreal Canadiens, two from Toronto Maple Leafs and one from Detroit Red Wings were the choice for the first all-star team in votes cast by sports writers, broadcasters and telecasters in the six NHL cities.

For the second team, the writers picked two each from Montreal and Detroit, and a single man from Toronto and New York Rangers.

The teams:

First team—Goal, Harry Lumley, Toronto; defence, Doug Harvey, Montreal, Red Kelly, Detroit; centre, Jean Beliveau, Montreal; right wing, Bernie Geoffrion, Montreal; left wing, Sid Smith, Toronto.

Second team — Goal, Terry Sawchuk, Detroit; defence, Bob Goldham, Detroit, Hugh Bolton, Toronto; centre, Ken Mosdell, Montreal; right wing, Maurice Richard, Montreal; left wing, Danny Lewicki, New York.

Points were awarded on the basis of five points for a first choice, three for a second and one for a third. Each city had three of each choice for a total of 27 points, although the number of writers voting in the various cities was not the same. The votes were "weighted" to give all the cities equal voting power.

The league selectors will vote again at the end of the regular schedule. Players with the greatest number of points on the combined balloting will earn positions on the final all-star team, to be announced after the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Only three of last season's all-star team made this year's first-half edition — Harry Lumley, Doug Harvey and Red Kelly. Lumley and Harvey were almost unanimous choices, collecting a total of 29 and 30 points respectively out of a possible total of 30 points.

For Jean Beliveau and Boom Boom Geoffrion, it was the first appearance on an all-star aggregation. Sid Smith was on the second squad in the 1950-51 and 1951-52 seasons.

The most notable omissions in the voting were Detroit's Ted Lindsay and Gordie Howe, who made the first team for the previous five and four years respectively.

On the second squad Bob Goldham, Hugh Bolton and Danny Lewicki are newcomers to all-star recognition. Ken Mosdell was centre on the first team last year while Sawchuk and Richard have figured prominently in the selections for a number of years.

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Two-Day Schedule Set For Big School Tourney

A full schedule of 21 games from 2 p.m. Friday afternoon until after 9:30 p.m. Saturday night was announced today by the Booth Memorial High school committee in charge of the Northern B.C. Inter-High school Invitational Basketball tournament.

The tournament to be held at the Civic Centre will see boys and girls teams from Terrace, Kitimat and Booth Memorial High schools and a boys team from Ocean Falls take part in a round-robin play for cups and crests.

Schedules are as follows:

FRIDAY

2 p.m. — Terrace vs Bo-Me-Hi Greens (girls).
2:30 p.m. — Bo-Me-Hi Golds vs Kitimat (girls).
3 p.m. — Kitimat vs Ocean Falls (boys).
3:45 p.m. — North Star vs Frizzell's (boys).
4:30 p.m. — Sunrise vs Terrace (boys).
7 p.m. — Kitimat vs North Star (boys).
7:45 p.m. — Ocean Falls vs Sunrise (boys).
8:30 p.m. — Frizzell's vs Terrace (boys).
9:15 p.m. — Terrace vs Golds (girls).
9:45 p.m. — Greens vs Kitimat (girls).

SATURDAY

1:30 p.m. — Kitimat vs Frizzell's (boys).
2:15 p.m. — Ocean Falls vs Terrace (boys).
3:00 p.m. — North Star vs Sunrise (boys).
3:45 p.m. — Ocean Falls vs Frizzell's (boys).
4:30 p.m. — Kitimat vs Sunrise (boys).
5:15 p.m. — North Star vs Terrace (boys).
7:00 p.m. — Terrace vs Kitimat (girls).
7:30 p.m. — Greens vs Golds (girls).
8:00 p.m. — Kitimat vs Terrace (boys).
8:45 p.m. — Ocean Falls vs North Star (boys).
9:30 p.m. — Frizzell's vs Sunrise (boys).

Lineups from Terrace High school received by the committee are listed below:

Terrace Girls — Myrna Smith guard and captain; June Hobenshield forward and vice-capt.; Joyce Hobenshield guard; Josephine Zagar forward and centre; Diane Robinson guard; Alice Montgomery guard; Linda O'Brien forward; Helen Christensen forward; Hazel Reynolds forward.

Terrace Boys — Alf Davie forward; Bernard Shampoux guard; Gordon MacConnell guard; Stan Kerr centre; Pierre Halverson forward; Bud Arsenault forward; Robert Cote guard; Len McCabe centre; John Foster forward; and Don Stewart guard.

Coming down with the Terrace students will be Principal John Lawrence with Mrs. C. R. Goodmen as chaperone. Coach for both the Terrace squads will be Charles H. R. Pillar and Betty Lee Van Stock will be scorer and Lucille Bailey timekeeper for the Terrace entries.

The tournament committee plans to stage a dance in the Civic Centre for all the students following the games on Saturday night, after all the cups and crests have been presented.

Moose Women Five-Pin Keglers Repel LOOM Challenge With Ease

Women of the Moose took three games straight Saturday to defeat the Loyal Order of the Moose five-pin bowling team in a special match which saw the men mistakenly challenge the women.

The women's team made up of Edna Bond, Grace McIntyre, May Bond and Bertha Dunbar chalked up a three-game total of 2285 to the men's 2134. Playing for the LOOM were Joe Long, Ben Wagner, Stan Holrate and Jim Perry.

May Bond chalked up the women's high single with a 250 game only edged by Jim Perry's high single for the men of 252. However, Bertha Dunbar put together three games of 217, 222 and 200 to garner women's high three honors of 639. Perry's men's high three of 655 came from games of 200, 204 and 252.

The gals took the first game 749-701, the second 797-718 and the third 739-715.

Arsenal Paired With Wanderers In Cup Draw

LONDON (AP)—Wolverhampton Wanderers, English Soccer League champions and favorites to win the Football Association Cup, were paired with Arsenal, glamor team of a few seasons ago, in the fourth round draw of the cup.

Arsenal, cup winners in 1930, 1936 and 1950, are struggling to regain some of their lost glory. They are fourth from the foot of the first division with only 20 points from 25 games.

Wolves, who won the league championship last year for the third time, helped to boost British soccer prestige with wins over Honved of Hungary and Spartak of Moscow.

Thirty-two teams still remain in the cup competition. Fourth-round games in the 84-year-old competition will be played Jan. 29.

THE DRAW

Wolverhampton W vs Arsenal.
Bristol R vs Chelsea.
Sheffield W vs Notts C.
Hartlepools U or Darlington vs Nottingham F.
Ipswich T or Bishop A vs York C.
Everton vs Lincoln C or Liverpool.
Swansea T vs Bury or Stoke C.
Leeds U or Torquay U vs Huddersfield T or Coventry C.
Rotherham U vs Luton T.
Newcastle U vs Brentford or Bradford C.
Doncaster R vs Aston Villa.
Preston NE vs Sunderland.
Manchester C vs Reading or Manchester U.
Birmingham vs Bolton W.
Tottenham H vs Port Vale.
W Bromwich vs Charlton A.
Replays, if necessary, to be played on or before the following Thursday, Feb. 3.

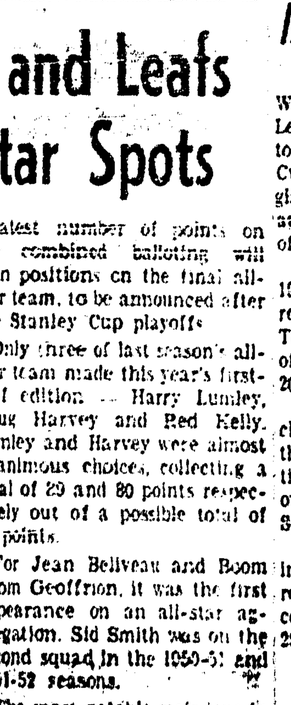
Ladies' Curling

Results of the quarter and semi-final play last night in the Columbia Cellulose trophy competition by the Prince Rupert Women's Curling Club were as follows:

7 p.m.— Johnson 7, Moore 4; Kerr 15, Schuman 4; Bone 7, Wilkins 8.

9 p.m.—Johnson 16, Kerr 4; Wilkins 12, McBroom 3.

Final game between Johnson and Wilkins will be played Tuesday, January 25 at 8 p.m.



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Howe Big Scoring Pu[illegible] In Wings Climb to To[illegible]

MONTREAL (CP)—A gentleman from Detroit showed the form last week that has kept him flirting with hockey immortality for several years now.

Gordie Howe accounted for a major portion of the scoring punch that moved Detroit Red Wings Sunday night atop the National Hockey League standings, two points ahead of the sadly-lagging Montreal Canadiens.

His five points in three games that the Red Wings played—and won—was matched only by another veteran of the hockey world, Ted Kennedy of Toronto Maple Leafs. Howe's two goals and three assists moved him from sixth place in the individual standings a week ago to a tie for fourth with Montreal's Bert Olmstead.

TO 8TH SPOT

Teeder Kennedy's five assists were enough to push him from 13th spot up to eighth-place deadlock with Chicago's George Sullivan.

The combined performance of Howe and Detroit were a strong threat to Montreal's domination of the circuit. Although the Habs still hold five of the first six places in the standings, their showing last week was not designed to win gold medals.

They managed to lose both their games and were outscored 10-3 by their opposition. The "Big Five" of Montreal's scoring, Bernie Geoffrion, Jean Beliveau, Maurice Richard, Olmstead and Ken Mosdell in that order—garnered only seven points among them.

Although Montreal played the least number of games, they had the worst team showing during the week. Even the lowly Chicago Black Hawks salvaged a tie out of three games.

In the individual showings, Boom Boom Geoffrion added an assist to his pace-setting 27 goals and 23 assists for a total of 50 points, three ahead of Beliveau, who has 24 goals and 23 assists.

Rocket Richard copped himself two goals and an assist during the week for a 23-18-41 record. Howe and Olmstead each have 39 points. Olmstead's total included a league-leading 32 assists.

Toronto's Harry Lumley still leads the goal-tending aggregate. He has allowed [illegible] goals in 43 games for a average, well ahead of [illegible]chuk of the Red Wings [illegible] a 1.91 average.

Richard is the league [illegible] with 88 minutes in the box.

The leaders:

Geoffrion, Montreal	0
Beliveau, Montreal	3
Richard, Montreal	3
Howe, Detroit	2
Olmstead, Montreal	1
Mosdell, Montreal	1
Smith, Toronto	2
Sullivan, Chicago	1
Kennedy, Toronto	1
Delvecchio, Detroit	1

Team standing:

	W	L	T
Detroit	27	12	5
Montreal	25	12	7
Toronto	19	12	11
Boston	13	17	11
New York	10	23	11
Chicago	8	26	5

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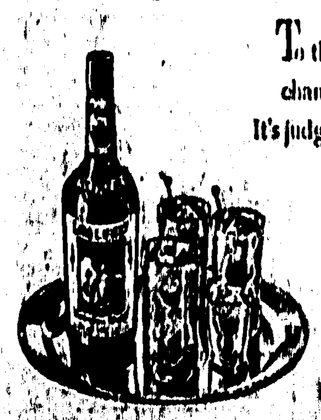

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