

Exhibition Card Huge Success 15 Fights Please Large Crowd

Arney, Nielson Win Trophy Awards

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More than 450 Prince Rupert adults and children jammed the Civic Centre gymnasium last night to watch a two-and-a-half hour exhibition boxing tournament described as the biggest ever held in the city.

The card contained 15 bouts, majority of which featured novice boxers under the age of 14 years.

The youngsters went at it hammer and tongs, ignoring the exhibition billing, but the older fighters took it easy. They sparred and pulled their punches as ordered, although it provoked boos from the more bloodthirsty members of the crowd in one match.

However, as trainer Dick Ayres stressed to the spectators after the fight "You didn't pay that kind of money to watch an out and out fight. This is strictly an exhibition bout, just to show what the boys can do."

He added that he was sorry to hear the crowd booing the performance of Jim Briggs and Dell Whatman and shouldered the responsibility for the mild display.

"I made the boys do it. Neither of them is in good enough shape to go full speed," he explained.

He thanked both fighters for not losing their tempers.

Mr. Ayres stated that last September, when boxing classes opened, the youngsters didn't know left from right or how to put up their hands.

"I think you have seen here tonight an example of what has been accomplished."

Concluding the exhibition card was Art Murray. Timekeeper was Don Wanamaker.

Referees were Civic Centre boxing class instructors Maurice Bishop and Dick Ayres and Benny Windle, former professional boxer who used to fight out of Prince Rupert and Seattle.

Both Mr. Ayres and Mr. Bishop have extensive ring experience, Mr. Ayres being one time B.C. pro-fec bantamweight champion and Mr. Bishop being a former British professional fighter.

Andy Marshall, who entered two boxers in the card, was one-time middleweight champion of B.C.

Ted Arney, who fought his second bout of the evening with Neville Venables, fought hard, but left himself open on several occasions, allowing Venables in with a few good slugs.

Both Mr. Bishop and Mr. Ayres expressed their thanks to members of the Elks Lodge 342 for handling the ring erection and ticket collecting.

Two awards were won by youngsters in the exhibition card. Frank Neilson, 82-pound "bomber" received a trophy for the gamest fighter and Ted Arney will receive a trophy for the most scientific boxer.

The 15 bout card, which provided thrills throughout, showed the great potential the boys possess.

Mr. Ayres stated that this potential needed developing and added that to pitch two of the youngsters in a serious fight might at such an early age have a serious effect on the loser.

"The boy could lose all heart and it could break his spirit, affecting him for the rest of his life."

The card, attended by many parents, friends and relatives of the participants, was termed a huge success. Proceeds from ticket sales amounted to \$185.

Most exciting bout of the evening turned out to be the Carl Vell-Roland Hill fight. Both fighters who weighed in at 71 and 69 pounds respectively, put up a desperate battle until the very end, mixing it up with an aggressiveness termed "their love to fight."

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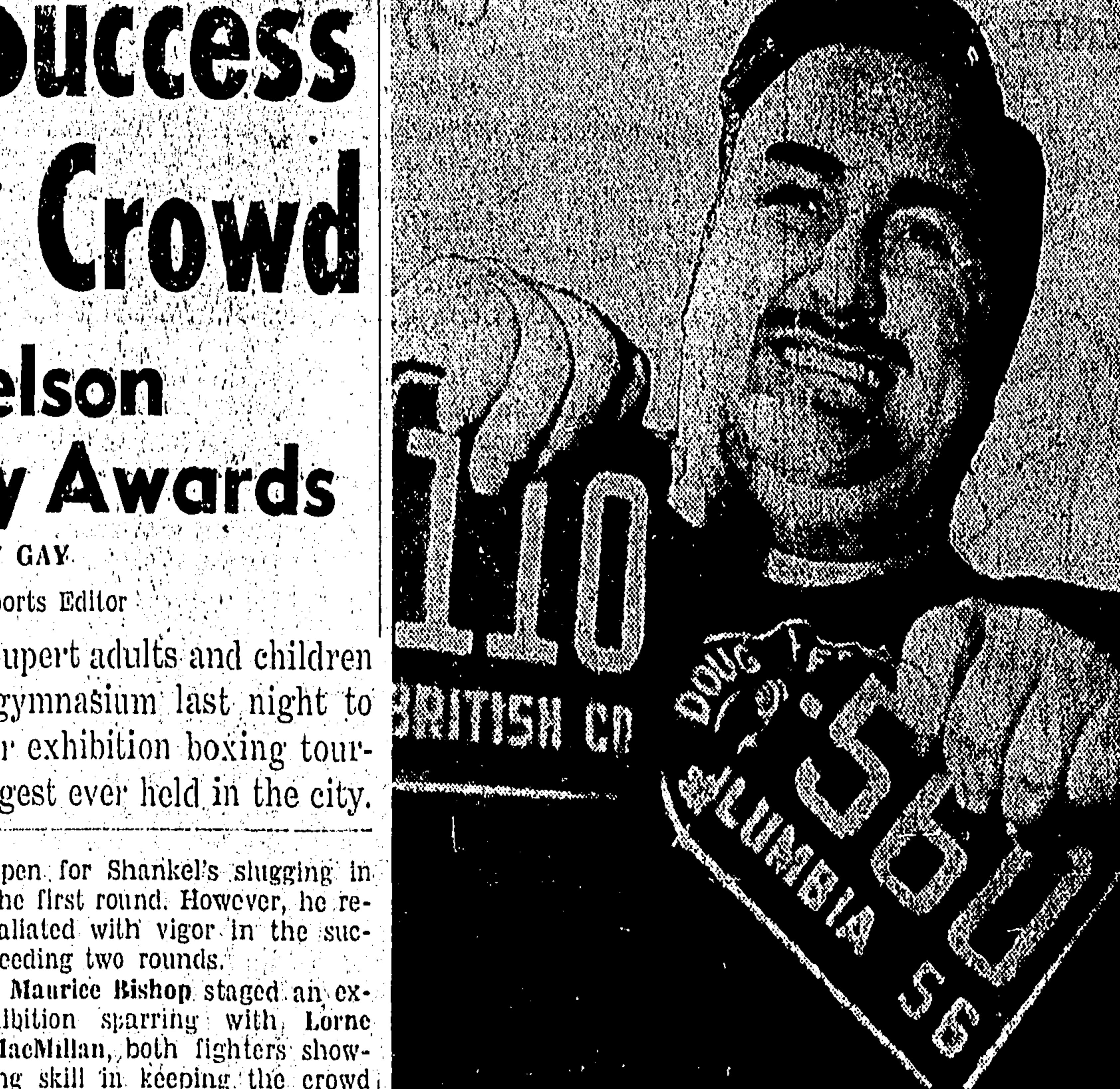
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STRONGMAN DOUG HEPBURN of Vancouver, former world weightlifting champion, demonstrates his strength by ripping an old license plate in half. "Nothing to it," he says. Hepburn performed at an exhibition badminton game to raise funds to send Vancouver players to tournaments. (CP Photo)

Legion Curling Draws

Draws for the Canadian Legion Club curling Sunday as follows. Play starts for all rinks at 9:15 p.m.

Semi-finals for the Jeannie Warren Trophy:

A Division—R. Ford vs. J. Lemire—Ice 3.

B Division—P. Moroz vs. E. Moroz—Ice 4.

Other rinks will commence play for the Legion Trophy as follows:

D. Gomez vs. K. Kerr—Ice 1.

A. Pheris vs. B. Moxley—Ice 2.

M. Lofgren vs. Darlow Gomez—Ice 5.

D. Kerr vs. B. McKenzie—Ice 6.

Final draw for the Legion Trophy will be held at 10:30 p.m.

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Lynn Wrathall Tops Shoot

Lynn Wrathall captured top honors in the Civic Centre Girls' Rifle Shoot Wednesday night with a score of 94 points.

Others with high scores were: Carol Chastney 93, Jessie Nelson 92, and Judy Armstrong 90.

Next shoot will be held in the Centre Wednesday night. Instructor is Kit Currie.

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Cougars Paste Americans 6-2, Leap-Frog Over Canucks Again

By The Canadian Press
Victoria Cougars are playing leap-frog over third place in the Coast Division of the Western Hockey League.

It was the Cougars' turn Friday night as they beat the league-leading Seattle Americans 6-2 in Victoria to take over third spot, one point ahead of the Canucks, who lost 1-0 to New Westminster Royal.

On the Prairies, Edmonton Flyers climbed to within five points of the first-place Brandon Regals by beating Calgary Stampeders 5-3.

All teams are in action tonight—Victoria at Seattle, Vancouver at New Westminster, Edmonton

at Calgary, and Winnipeg at Brandon.

The Victoria win gave the Cougars fair edge on Vancouver, not only are the Cougars a point ahead but they have two games in hand over the Canucks. The Cougars are four points behind second-place New Westminster.

CARMICHAEL ON TOP

Bruce Carmichael became Victoria's top scorer, getting his 25th and 26th goals.

Centre Guyle Fielder of Seattle picked up two assists, bringing his season's total points to 101, nine short of the league record held by Bruno Horvath.

Val Fonteyne and Eddie Doherty scored for Americans while Larry Leach, Bill Dobbyn, Bill Davidson and Lionel Heimlich added Victoria tallies.

The Vancouver game was scoreless until 13:11 of the third period when Ron Matthews drove one home from 10 feet out to give New Westminster the game.

Although they lost, Canucks had the play most of the way, out-shooting the Royals 33 to 18.

GIFTS FROM STAMPS

In Edmonton, the Flyers got off to a flying start with four goals in the first period. Two

goals came from a utility runabout, Mustang design. She has reached the framing stage. Length will be 11 feet and she will be powered with a 10 horse-power Johnson.

It is reported that Dr. W. S. Kergin will soon be sporting a Scrimsercraft from Vancouver. Outboard-powered, I believe.

Busiest place on the waterfront this past week has been that showroom with the new plastic boats.

SAFETY AND COURTESY CORNER

Don't throw garbage, papers and cans overboard. If everyone did this our harbor would soon cease to be attractive.

Got a tight screw you want to take out? Try using an electric soldering iron. Hold firmly against the head of the screw for 30 seconds. Screw should turn easily after this treatment.

Just in passing: Don't forget that gasoline and open flame are not mixers.

LONG SEQUENCE

The town hall of Britain's Stratford upon Avon has an unbroken record of balliffs, mayors and reeves from 1583.

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