

SERENADE FOR A WINNER

Irene McDonald of Hamilton, who won a bronze medal for placing third in the Olympic games springboard diving, is serenaded by two other members of Canada's swim team—Vancouver's Bill Strick (Left) and Calgary's Bill Patrick—as the three arrive in Vancouver from Australia.

AS RELEASED BY WILF McCLUSKEY

Maritime Boxing Ratings

Maritime boxing had one of its worst years since the second World War according to Wilf McCluskey, who released his annual Maritime boxing ratings to the Guardian yesterday.

Only 25 cards were held in the Maritimes during the year and most of those took place in Nova Scotia, as compared to 1955 when the Maritimes enjoyed one of its best seasons with no less than 56 cards being held.

The ratings, which include only those boxers who have been fairly active during the year, lists only four Charlottetown boxers—Louis (Cobey) McCluskey, formerly of P. E. I.'s capital city and now of Dartmouth, reigns still as the middleweight champion. McCluskey almost retired from the ring because of a lack of matches this year but is in training now and will continue his ring activity.

Gaston Rgy and Don Trainor are listed as outstanding boxers in the middleweight division and Bobby Gallant, is an outstanding boxer of the lightweight class.

The only other P. E. Islander in the ratings is Jimmy MacInnis of Tignish, now fighting out of Newmark, N. J., who is ranked as fifth contender for the welterweight title held by Keith Paris, of New Glasgow.

Other champions are: Heavyweight, Bob Hession, Halifax; Light-heavyweight, Yvon Durelle, of Baie St. Anne, who is also the Canadian champion; Lightweight, Jackie Hayden, Halifax; Featherweight, Buddy Day, Halifax.

There were no active boxers in either the bantamweight or flyweight class.

Wilf, who is as keen a boxing fan as can be found anywhere, is a brother of a famed ring family. Cobey McCluskey, present Maritime middleweight champ and leading contender for the Canadian title, "Ace" McCluskey, former Maritime middleweight champ, and Tom McCluskey, trainer of the Canadian lightweight champion Richard (Kid) Howard, are brothers in the fighting McCluskey family.

The following are the ratings as compiled by Wilf.

HEAVYWEIGHT

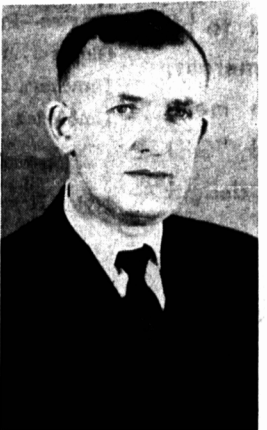
Champion: Bob Hession, Stratford, Ontario and Halifax.
Contenders: 1. Cecil Gray, Springhill.

Outstanding boxers: Nick Nicholson, Chatham, N.B.; Harvey Gaabriel, Springhill.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion: Yvon Durelle, Baie St. Anne, N.B.
Contenders: 1. Ted Doncaster, Sackville, N.B. and Boston 2. Cecil Bancroft, Halifax and Vancouver; 3. Clarence Malley, Chatham Head.

Outstanding boxers: Howard MacLean, East Bathurst; Bob Nunn, Halifax and Vancouver.



WILF McCLUSKEY

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion: Louis (Cobey) McCluskey, Charlottetown and Dartmouth.

Contenders: 1. Louis Lawrence, Fredericton and Vancouver; 2. Gary Simon, Stuttgart, Germany and New Glasgow; 3. Jerry Fraser, Bridgewater; 4. Gordie MacDougall, South Bay Cape Breton; 5. Earl MacDonald, Halifax and Vancouver.

Outstanding boxers: Elol Durelle, Baie St. Anne, N.B.; Gaston Roy, Charlottetown and Quebec; Ernie Durelle, Baie St. Anne; Don "Duck" Trainor, Charlottetown; Bob Ledley, Dartmouth; Johnny Griffith, Halifax.

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion: Keith Paris, Halifax and New Glasgow.
Contenders: 1. Doug Odo, New Glasgow; 2. Larry Griffin, Mahone Bay and Boston; 3. Bobby Moore, Sydney Mines; 4. Everett Mason, Stellerton; 5. Jimmy MacInnis, Newmark, N.J. and Tignish, P.E.I.; 6. Norm Gautreau, Moncton, N.B.

Outstanding boxers: Jimmy Gillis, Halifax; Al MacKay, New Glasgow; Bernie Stone, Halifax; Don Hughes, Thorburn; Len Sparks, Cherry Brook, N.S.; Paul Anderson, Moncton; Albert MacLaren, New Glasgow; Kid Paris, New Glasgow.

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion: Jackie Hayden, Stellerton, N.S.
Contenders: 1. Dexter Connors, Truro, and Montreal; 2. Milo Blizard Tracy, N.B. and Boston; 3. Jimmy Steeves, Truro and Quebec; 4. Benny Randall, Sydney, N.S.

Outstanding boxers: Don MacNeil, Sydney; Kid Rogers, Barton N.B.; George Burns, Halifax; K.O. Roberts, Moncton; Courtney Foster, Halifax; Don Burns, Fairview, N.S.; Bobby Gallant, Charlottetown; Stellerton; Leo Rumbolt, Sydney; Elroy Soarks, Halifax.

FEATHERWEIGHT

Champion: Buddy Day, Halifax.

BUT FEARS SEIXAS

Hopman Expects Aussie Victory

PERTH, Australia (AP)—Harry Hopman said Monday he expects his Australians to defend the Davis Cup successfully against the United States later this month. But he still fears Vic Seixas.

"Vic is the type of player who can reach form quickly," said the little captain of the aussies. "Against the Indians he looked as if he was near peak form. He is a well conditioned athlete and a hard fighter."

Hopman said that whereas Seixas is able to turn on good form like the flick of a light switch, Herbie Flam, the other senior U.S. player, has to work himself into shape through arduous training.

Herbie certainly wasn't in his best shape against Ramanathan

Krishnan of India," Hopman said. "It is easy to see that he couldn't play like that against Ken Rosewall or Lew Hoad and expect to come out as well. But he has a week to reach form and he may be able to do it."

The challenge round is scheduled Dec. 26-28 at Adelaide and, in conformity with tradition, both captains named their squads Sunday—10 days before the meeting.

Bill Talbert, U.S. captain, nominated Seixas and Flam, plus his youngsters, Sam Giammalva, 21 and Mike Green, 19.

Hopman, surprising no one, named Hoad, Rosewall, Neale Fraser and Ashley Cooper—the same squad which wrested the cup from the United States last year at Forest Hills, N.Y.

Curling Ass'n Announces Tour Of Scottish Curlers

TORONTO (CP)—The Dominion Curling Association Monday announced details of a four-week tour of Scottish curlers next month, when Canada will be bidding to win back the Strathcona Cup the Scots have held since 1949.

The Scots, who took home the trophy in 1949, retained it in the 1950 series in Scotland. The winners are to be decided on the aggregate scores in a 20-game series played from coast to coast.

The 26-man Scottish contingent, captained by W. G. Piper of Perth, is due to arrive in Montreal by air Jan. 5. During the next four weeks until its departure Jan. 31, it will travel 7,000 miles by air, road and rail in a program covering eight provinces—British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The Scots will be accompanied by John Dutton of Winnipeg, president of the Dominion Curling Association, and Colin Campbell of Toronto, chairman of the program committee.

The Strathcona Cup matches have been held at irregularly-

spaced intervals since Lord Strathcona put up the cup in 1909 to commemorate the visit of the first Canadian team to Scotland. Canada won in 1909, 1912, 1923 and 1938.

Canadian officials hope to start the series on a regular basis. The game in Canada, however, is much more popular than in the land of its birth. The Scots have only 4,000 curlers to choose from compared with 100,000 active players in Canada.

The first Strathcona Cup game is scheduled the day the curlers arrive in Montreal.

Carl (Bobo) Olson Runs Night Club

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Carl (Bobo) Olson, former world middleweight boxing champion, went to work Monday managing the "Zitz," a Vancouver, Wash. night club.

Sid Flaherty, Olson's manager and business partner, said the ex-champ is taking over the management on a permanent basis.

AS RELEASED BY WILF McCLUSKEY

Frank Sedgman Predicts Sweep For Australia

MELBOURNE (AP)—Former Australian Davis cup Star Frank Sedgman says flatly the United States has no chance of regaining the cup in the challenge round at Adelaide later this month.

Writing in the Melbourne Sun, Sedgman, now a professional, predicts a 5-0 victory for Australia. "Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall on the form they have shown will be too strong for the Americans and must be overwhelming favorites in both singles and doubles," Sedgman wrote.

1,000,000 RED MOVIEGOERS

HONG KONG (AP)—The movies are booming in Red China. Peiping Radio reports spectators this year have totaled more than 1,000,000. Almost all Chinese films are Communist propaganda vehicles, with entertainment a minor factor.

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