

Royals Defeat Combines In Sports Arena Action

Randy Parkdale Royals have won a three-point spread over the Combines in the Island Senior Hockey League by dumping the Combines 6-3 at The Sports Arena last night.

The Combines, with only a handful of players, battled the Royals on even terms for almost half of the hockey game but couldn't hold back the aggressiveness in the final twenty minutes of play.

The visitors started off after the opening session sporting a 1-0 edge and Royals had their work cut out for them getting back on even terms. They warmed all over the Combines in the early moments of the match session but Thane Whitley Mann was terrific in the visitors' cage. Policeman Jim MacIntyre finally took the Combines' pass to tie the affair at 2-2 at the 5:10 mark from there on the Royals held the upper hand. The rest of the distance they outscored the short-handed Combines 4-1 and won with ease in 53 minutes.

Referee Don Whelan and Joe Coyne had an easy time of it last night. They called only eight penalties and Royals led 5-3 in this department. All were minors with the exception of a ten minute misconduct to Buddy MacIntyre in the second. Buddy protested too long and too loud on a minor penalty near the end of the period.

First period — 1. Royals, Carroll (Jim MacLeod) 6:58; 2. Combines, Andrews (Noonan) 12:37; 3. Combines, G. Harris

Ball Great Improving

CHICAGO (AP) — Rogers Hornsby, 66, baseball's greatest right handed batter all time has made rapid improvement from a small stroke suffered after a minor operation last week.

Hornsby had a cataract extraction from his left eye Dec. 10 in Wesley Memorial Hospital. Friday he developed what was described as a fibrillating heart and a lot which produced weakness of the leg and left arm.

His physician said Tuesday Hornsby's recovery has been "rapid so he can now move his affected arm and leg." It was not indicated when Hornsby, who managed Chicago Cubs, St. Louis Browns and Cincinnati Reds, may be discharged from the hospital.

Hornsby, who won the National League batting title seven times, and former Chicago White Sox pitching star Ted Lyons, 65, entered the same hospital the same day for cataract removals.

They arranged to have opposite site rooms. Lyons, also a former major league manager, was reported Tuesday as making normal recovery and is expected to leave the hospital next week.

ennis Star Handicapped

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Bill Roy Emerson, key figure in Australia's defence of the Davis Cup, resumed swinging a tennis racket today but he was still visibly handicapped by sore eyes.

He could not serve and was unable to raise his right arm over his head for a high volley smash.

"Certainly we are concerned," said Harry Hopman, Australian coach.

With the challenge round closed against the Mexicans only eight days away the injury to Emerson, while no cause for panic, is certainly a disquieting development in the Aussie camp.

Emerson is of particular value to the team because he is the solid right hand court man in the doubles as well as being the best bet for the No. 2 singles spot behind Rod Laver.

Hopman probably could afford to lose Laver or former Wimbledon champion Neale Fraser with less hardship than Emerson, a 34-year Davis Cup veteran.

Emerson has teamed with Rod Laver and Fraser in doubles. If he should fail to improve, Hopman would be forced to pair Laver and Fraser, two champions who never have played as a pair.

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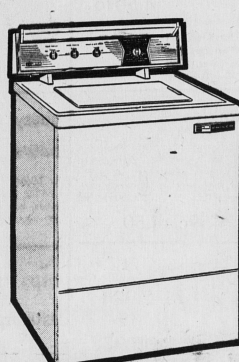
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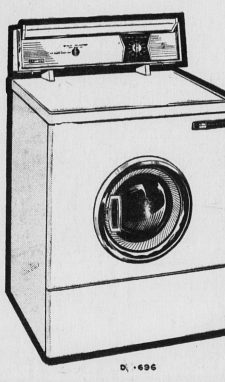
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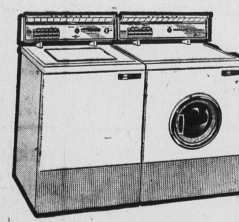
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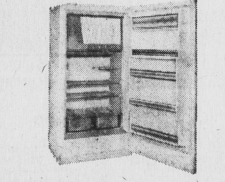
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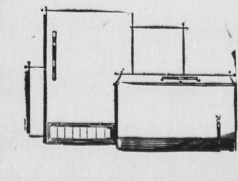
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