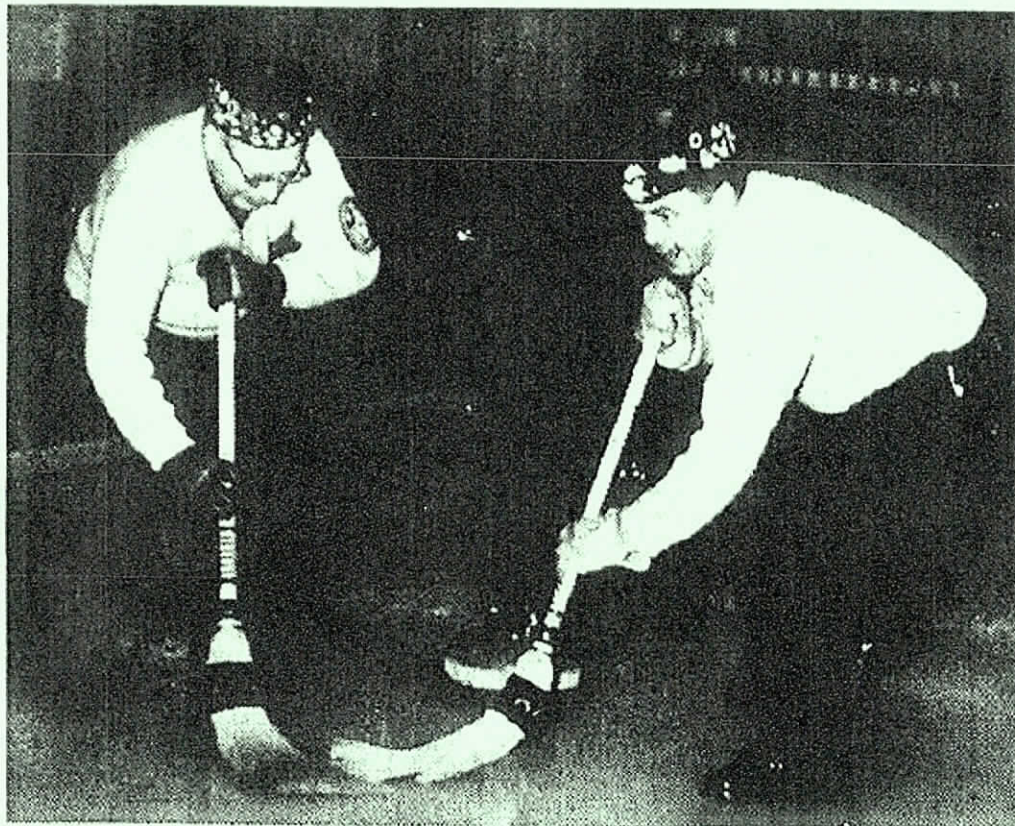


SWEEPING the Ice with vigor, just ahead of the stone, in Douglas-Griffith . Williamson bonspiel held over the weekend at the St. Andrew's Golf Club curling arena at Mount Hope are Bill Kelley of Hastings, left, and Don McKay of Pleasantville. They were members of the St. Andrew's No. 2 rink which was skipped by Don Dunn of New York and also included Millard Moore of Bedford Village. This quartet got to the Griffith Medal final yesterday before losing, 12-7, to U.S. Men's Curling Association rink skipped by Line Seibert of Bronxville, association president. — Staff Photo by Ray Hoover



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6th County Score In Last 30 Years

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The Douglas Medal curling championship rests in Westchester today for only the sixth time in the 30-year history of St. Andrew's Golf Club's deluxe bonspiel.

Dick Wells of Irvington skipped the Ardsley Curling Club No. 2 rink to the title at the club's Mount Hope arena yesterday. The final ended midway in the 12th end with Ardsley a 14-7 victor over Tom Greenwood's Schenectady quartet.

Sharing in the glory were vice skip Ashley Thorndike of Ardsley, Bill Nolan of Irvington, the No. 2 man, and Joe Ringland of Irvington, lead.

Another county curler, Linc Seibert of Bronxville, toted off the Griffith Medal in the second phase of the competition. As president of the U.S. Men's Curling Association, he was skip of the group's entry.

This final, similarly, didn't have to go to the last rock. It was called in the 10th with the U.S. Men ahead of St. Andrew's No. 2 rink, piloted by Don Dunn of New York, 12-7.

The unsuccessful Douglas defenders, Hamilton's Thistles, acquired the Williamson Medal in the third phase of the bonspiel, winning an all-Canadian final. Needing only nine ends, 8-time Douglas champ Ross Tarlton and his mates turned back Fred Bennett's St. George's broomsmen from Toronto, 11-4.

For Ardsley, this was the club's fourth conquest in the 29 events staged thus far, and for Wells and Thorndike their second taste of Douglas victory (The bonspiel was a war-time casualty in 1944). With Bart Eddison at the helm, Ardsley prevailed in both 1943 and 1947.

When Ad Hastings of Irvington skipped Ardsley to the title in 1952, Wells was vice-skip and Thorndike curled at No. 2.

Brenner (Bill) Wood of Ardsley was lead on that 1952 rink. Now president of the Grand National Curling Club of America, Wood was at No. 1 on Seibert's Griffith winner this time. The other U.S. Men's players were past president Ralph Trieschmann, last year's Williamson winner, and John MacLean, both of Chicago.

Westchester's only two other previous claims on the Douglas honor were by host-club rinks. Pitt Carl Jr. skipped for St. Andrew's in a 1942 triumph, and Seibert won in 1960. Hastings also made another bid this weekend but went out in both Douglas and Williamson quarter finals.

Wells, a sulphur mining company executive, was one who didn't draw a first-round bye and-had-to-win-five-matches-to finish on top. In Saturday's quarterfinals he routed Swift Gibson's Weston, Mass., squad, 18-4, in nine ends and took yesterday morning's semi-wrapup by 10-7 from Reg Clute and the New York Caledonians. The latter won Saturday, 8-7, from Yonkers' Jock MacFarlane and his Mahopac mates.

Ardsley, although coming up with nothing bigger than a 4- stone end, led from the outset of the final. The medals were presented by bonspiel chairman Harold Leaf of Scarsdale.

Greenwood put out Hastings, 8-6, Saturday, then edged Brae Burn of Massachusetts, 9-8, in the semis after dissipating an 80 bulge. Brae Burn, guided by Howie Chandler, had ousted the 9-time champion Thistles, 10-6, in the other quarterfinal.

Dunn won twice Saturday, 9-7 over Nutmeg of Darien and 12-3 from New York's Canadian Clubbers, then 15-9 from Wellesley, Mass., yesterday morning Clan en route to the Griffith final. Seibert topped St. George's, 11-2 in 9, Saturday, and Utica, 12-11, yesterday. The latter, skipped by Fred Parskon, beat St. Andrew's-1, headed by Nelson Fry of Bronxville, in the quarters.

Fry then won, 13-10, from MacFarlane in the Williamson division, before losing to Hamilton, 9-2. Hastings was nipped, 10-8, by Nutmeg's John Hallenbeck, who then dropped the semi, 9-7, to Bennett.