Metlakatla, All Stars split series

Alaskans rebound from Friday's loss

Metlakatla Alaska's basketball team, chock full of desire, bounced back from a humbling 70-35 defeat Friday night to nip Prince Rupert's Savoy Hotel All Stars 61-60 Saturday night at the senior high school.

Displaying speed, skill and excellent ball handling and passing, the powerful Matlakatla Athletic Club All Stars delighted more than 250 spectators Saturday night with their one-point victory. The win gave the teams a split in the two-game exhibition series.

Unlike Friday's game, when the Alaskan visitors fell apart completely in the second half, Satudrday saw Matlakatla roll in high gear throughout the game.

Each game was played in the form of two 20-minute halves.

In Saturday's game, the two teams were tied 34-34 at half time and continued a see-saw battle in the second half until there were only 13 minutes left in the game.

Then Metlakatla was leading 44-42. Savoy never caught up.

Saturday's game was fast and rough but the fans were treated to excellent basketball.

Both teams wanted to win and tried hard, but Metlakatla had just a little more desire.

POOR SHOOTING

Savoy's lack of shooting accuracy in the second half caused their downfall. In the first half, the hotelmen sunk 15 of 38 field goal attempts or almost 40 per cent while in the second half they scored on only nine of 45 or 20 per cent.

Because of their brilliant shooting in the first half, Savoy was slightly ahead in the game shooting percentage, scoring 28.9 per cent of their shots compared with 28.6 per cent for Metlakatla.

Metlakatla sunk 16 of 49 field goal attempts in the first half for an average of almost 33 per cent while they sunk 10 of 42 in the second half for an average of almost 24 per cent. Savoy, with 12 out of 24 free throw attempts, had a 50 per cent average in their department while Metlakatla clicked on nine of 20 attempts or 45 per cent.

With 51 seconds left to play in Saturday's game, Savoy's Ron Ciccone fouled out of the game. Four seconds later, Metlakatla's Jack Booth was also sent to the showers.

Metlakatla collected 17 fouls in the game, nine of them in the second half while Savoy received 13, 10 of them in the second half.

John Facett paced Metlakatla with 24 points while Gary Morrison was tops for Savoy with 16.

FIRST-HALF EFFORT

Friday's game was strictly a first-half effort for Metlakatla. After 10 minutes of play the score was tied 13-13 and when the half ended, Savoy was leading 22-21.

However, in the second half, the Alaskan visitors fell apart.

George Howe, who was absent from the first half of the game, scored 12 points in the first six minutes of the second half.

A usual star player for Savoy, John Lambie, was sidelined for the series due to an ankle injury incurred in a league game last week.

Howe was big gun for the hotelmen Friday night with 20 points while Facett led Metlakatla with 16.

CENTRE'S SEATING RAPPED

Many spectators remarked on the excellent seating facilities and comfort of the high school gymnasium compared with the barn-like setting of the Civic Centre.

"After watching a game at the high school I wouldn't go back to that apple box known as the Civic Centre," one fan said.

The senior high school Rainmakers, who played preliminary games before the all-star games, whipped Sunrise Grocery 54-35 in Saturday's contest.

Rainmakers had no trouble disposing of the foe in either game. They led all the way through both battles.

Don Martin paved the way for the Rainmakers on Friday netting 19 points while Jack Rudolph topped the Sunrise scoring with eight points. Johnny Olsen set the pace for the high school crew Saturday with 21 points while Irvine Rensvold led Old Empress with nine.

Lineups:

Friday

Savoy All Stars (70) — Shenton 6, Morison 8, Mitchell 14, Nickerson 6, Ciccone 2, Howe 20, Lemon 2, Specht 6, Helin 4 and Newton 2.

Metlakatla All Stars (35) — G. Booth 4, Facett 16, Eaton 4, Milne 2, Wellington 4, J. Booth 1, Hudson 2 and W. Booth 2.

Rainmakers (54) — Olsen 16, Martin 19, Scuby 8, Mitchell 4, MacLeod 4, Adams 0, Colussi 0, Kerr 2, Specht 0 and Mah 1.

Sunrise (35) — Kelsey 7, Robertson 2, Oskey 5, Gruber 2, Simth 7, Dean 4, Rudolph 8 and Haudenchild 0.

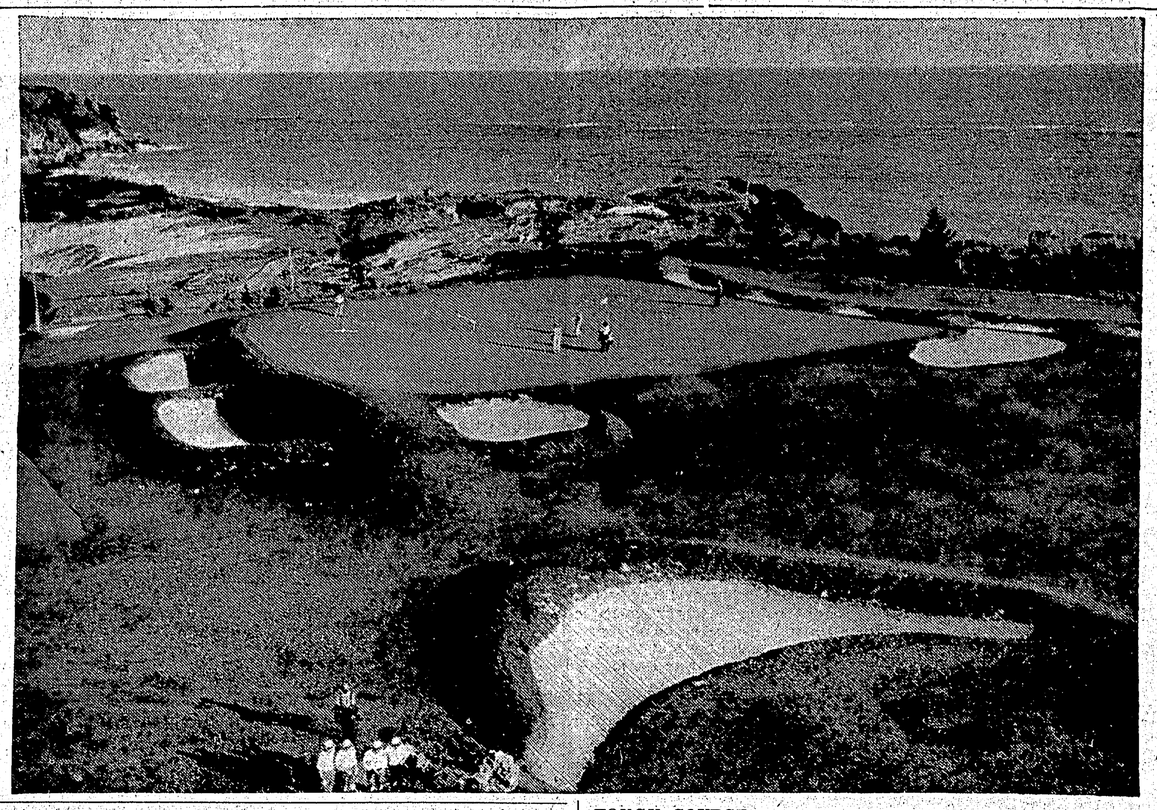
Saturday

Metlakatla All Stars (61) — Facett 24, Eaton 6, Milne 0, M. Booth 2, G. Booth 11, Hudson 0, J. Booth 10, Wellington 8 and W. Booth 0.

Savoy All Stars (60) — Shenton 12, Mitchell 10, Howe 7, Nickerson 2, Ciccone 9, Morisson 16, Specht 0, Lemon 2, Helin 2 and Newton 0.

Rainmakers (49) — MacLeod 8, Scuby 2, Olsen 21, Martin 12, Mitchell 2, Specht 0, Kerr 0, Colussi 0, Adams 4 and Mah 0.

Old Empress (34) — J. Stewart 4, Leask 5, Rensvold 9, Williams 0, White 2, Morven 4, Gurney 4, C. Stewart 2 and Gray 4.



TOUGH COURSE . . . A bird's-eye view of the 18th green at Bermuda's Mid Ocean Golf Course indicates that it would tax the skill of even Prince Rupert's expert golfers. Obvious advantage of golfing in Bermuda during winter is that you don't have to wear snow-shoes. The course is so tough that at a recent international tournament, of 68 professional golfers entered, only three broke the par 71 while several shot over 80. Rumor has it that all the golfers in the picture are Canadians.
— Photo by Bermuda News Bureau

Rangers down Habs 4-2 to halt losing streak

By The Canadian Press

New York Rangers always seem to come up with solid performances against the mighty Montreal Canadiens—especially when the two teams meet at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Sunday night the lowly Rangers demonstrated this fact again, beating the Canadiens 4-2 for their first National Hockey League victory in six starts.

The triumph, coming on the heels of a 6-3 setback at Montreal Saturday, moved the Rangers into sole possession of fifth place in the league standings and probably saved them a few heads—at least for the time being.

Standings

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Montreal	24	11	5	143	111	53
Toronto	22	12	7	134	104	51
Chicago	18	14	8	114	107	44
Detroit	16	16	8	111	120	40
New York	11	23	5	106	132	27
Boston	8	23	9	99	131	25

General Manager Muzz Patrick said last week he is ready to trade anyone on the club to beef it up for the last half of the season.

Chicago Black Hawks—with Stan Mikita scoring in his seventh consecutive game—humbled Toronto Maple Leafs 5-1 Sunday on home ice for their seventh straight victory.

Last--place Boston Bruins suffered two defeats in other weekend games. They were beaten 4-1 by the Maple Leafs at Toronto Saturday when Leafs' Frank Mahovlich scored his 36th goal, and 5-3 by the Red Wings at Detroit Sunday night.

HOCKEY SCORES

Western League
Friday
Portland 3, Vancouver 4
Seattle 4, Edmonton 1
Saturday
Winnipeg 4, Spokane 5
Vancouver 1, Victoria 3
Seattle 5, Calgary 6
OHA Senior
Stratford 4, Strathroy 5
Western Intl.-Okanagan
Kelowna-Penticton 6, Nelson 3
Western International
East Kootenay 5, Trail 4
Okanagan Senior
Kamloops 8, Vernon 4

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — Ed Goodkey's Prince George rink won the zone curling playoffs Sunday by taking all three games in a round robin series. Goodkey will now meet the Kitimat winners in a best-of-three series at Smithers Saturday.

Kitimat wins zone title, enters regionals next

The sharp eye of Kitimat skip Bill Forward gave the smelter city rink the right to enter the regional playoffs leading to the Canadian High School Curling Championships, in Prince George February 20.

Kitimat nipped Terrace 9-8 to win the zone playoffs held at the curling rink Saturday.

The Kitimat quartet were unbeaten in the three games they played, whipping Prince Rupert's rink 9-6 in the morning and downing Smithers 10-6 in the afternoon before entering the final against Terrace.

Prince Rupert dumped Terrace race 13-5 in their second game and clobbered Smithers 14-4 in their last game. But since Kitimat was undefeated they took the title.

Kitimat had jumped into an 8-0 lead by the sixth end but Terrace surged back in the remaining ends.

With Kitimat leading 9-7 in the final end and two Terrace rocks in the house, Forward made a fine shot which knocked out one Terrace rock and his own rock. Final score, 9-8.

Kitimat will now enter the regional playoffs at Smithers January 14.

Last year Prince George won the zone playoffs but were beaten by Prince George in the regionals.

Members of the rinks participating in the zones were:

Kitimat — Bill Forward, skip; Gary Mears, third; Johnny Fortier, second; and Lyn Craig, lead.

Prince Rupert — Bruce Kerr, skip; Bill Kristmanson, third; Barry Kurdziel, second; and Don MacDonald, lead.

Smithers — Gordy Peterson, skip; Harley Jackson, thrid; Roy Elphick, second; and John Rosberg, lead.

Terrace — Shawn Gregg, skip; Roger Hanna, third; Rickey Olson, second; and Scott Easton, lead.

Orphans top B section of men's bowling league

Jim Arseneau's 666 high three helped Orphans to capture both the team high single and high three of 948 and 2,799 in B section of the Men's Five Pin Bowling League, January 2.

Jake De Wagd of Stromdahls rolled a 293 to take the high single.

In A section Jim Intermela of Cook's Jewellers rolled a 285 high single and a 727 high three to help his team capture the team high single of 1,090.

Howe & McNulty took the team high three with 3,050.

Results were:

Section B—Orphans 4, Legion 0; CNRA 4, Philpott Evitt 0; Stromdahls, 4, Speros 0; and Babcock 3, Electricians 1.

Section A—Cook's 3, Shmoos 1; Empress Luckies 2, Paramounts 2; Howe & McNulty 3, Post Office 1; La Gondola 3, Savoy 1; Malkins 2, Grotto 2.

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Patterson signs with Hamilton

HAMILTON (CP) — Jake Gaudaur, general manager of Hamilton Tiger-Cats, said today that end Hal Patterson has signed a 1961 contract with the Big Four football club.

Gaudaur said that Patterson, traded by Montreal Alouettes to Hamilton at the end of last season, agreed to contract terms Friday. The 29-year-old Patterson joined the Als in 1954 from the University of Kansas.

Patterson was traded with quarterback Sam Etcheverry in a straight deal for quarterback Bernie Faloney and defensive end Don Paquette. Gaudaur said he still is negotiating with Etcheverry, who is expected to say next week if he intends to play with Hamilton.

Weekend fights

NEW YORK (AP) — Carmen Basilio, 150½, Canastota, N.Y., outpointed Gaspar Ortego, 149½, Mexicali, Mex. (10).

HAVANA (AP) — Hipolito Linares, 150, Cuba, outpointed Paul Diaz, 157½, Cuba, (12).

Ray, Fullmer fight Feb. 25

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)— Former champion Sugar Ray Robinson gets another crack at Gene Fullmer's world middleweight boxing crown Feb. 25 in this gambling city.

Fullmer, recognized as king of the 160-pounders by the National Boxing Association, kept his title in their last meeting with a 15-round draw.

Under terms of an agreement announced Saturday, Fullmer gets 40 per cent of the gate and $60,000 of the $15,000 television revenue. Robinson gets 25 per cent of the gate and $50,000 TV money.

Cuban players not affected

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Felipe Guerra Matos, Cuba's minister of sports, says the break in diplomatic relations with the United States will not affect Cuban baseball players in this country.

He said Friday the Cubans may play "if the American government permits it." He added that American players may perform in Cuba "whenever they please."

Rupert Hotel crushes Bob Parkers with powerful offensive attack 28-4

Prince Rupert Hotel's senior floor hockey machine rolled through the Civic Centre Friday night and left in its wake, a battered and bruised Bob Parker team.

In the junior battle, Ormes Drugs' 16-year-old sharp-shooter, Adolpho Paolinelli set a new game scoring record as he pumped in 11 goals, but his team lost to Philpott Evitt 21-18.

The Rupert machine, powered by the seven goals of Paul Lefebvre and the six goals of Brian Fitzgerald, crushed the defenceless Parker squad by the overwhelming score of 28-4.

Parker's team was completely without defence throughout the game and only the stout efforts of net-minder George Kent prevented the score from becoming much higher.

Kent was almost drowned in a sea of shots. The plucky goalie handled 130 shots but managed to kick out 102. Ron Tsuji, covering the net for Rupert Hotel at the other end of the floor, played his usual brilliant game but handled only 43 shots, 30 of which he stopped.

The garagemen were able to score only in the second period as Rupert relaxed their defences somewhat. However, they tightened up in the final frame and blanked Parkers.

Blame for the loss rests chiefly with the Parker defence which failed to stop the fired-up hotelmen from getting through. Kent played a fine game and was just not able to handle the tide of shots.

Rupert scored almost at will throughout the game because there was no one to stop them but Kent.

Parker's young scoring star, Jack Martin, was missing from the game and many people blamed this fact for the loss. But Rupert was missing both Derrick Slack and Tom Masich, two steady workers.

Tsuji had a shutout going until 2:52 of the second period when Parker's George Millwater blasted a low-whistling shot from just inside the centre line which Rupert's star goalie failed to see.

Parker's popular player, Len Alexcee, was dumped hard on the floor during a body check in the final period. Alexcee had to be assisted off the floor but he returned to the game later.

Millwater accounted for half of the garagemen's scoring as he netted two goals.

Rupert received six penalties in the hard, but fairly clean game. Parkers collected nine.

The junior game saw Paolinelli break Van's Bakery's Skip Cronck's single game scoring record of eight goals but still lose the game.

Paced by Paolinelli, Ormes led throughout the game until 7:06 of the third period when Philpott's speedy Robert Erickson beat out goalie Allan Mah to tie the game 16-16.

Both teams continued a seesaw battle until 10:21 of the final frame when Philpott's Bruce Moore took a goal-mouth pass from David Mio and flipped it past Mah to give Philpott an 18-17 lead. Philpott then dumped in three goals within one minute to sew up the win.

Both net-minders played excellent games and the win could have gone either way. Mah handled a total of 84 shots while Philpott goalie Ernie Baines handled 74.

Taki Omori and Erickson led the victors with six and five goals respectively while Al Vaagan aided Ormes by also netting six goals.

Goal Scorers

Prince Rupert Hotel (28) — Lefebvre 7, B. Fitzgerald 6, MacEwan 2, Dorash 3, Didychuck 3, Kentala 1, J. Fitzgerald 1, Shannon 1, Dean 3 and Romin 1.

Bob Parkers (4) — Millwater 2, Alexcee 1 and Wesley 1.

Philpott Evitt (21) — Moore 4, Omori 6, Erickson 5, Specht 4, Mio 1 and Holland 1.

Ormes Drugs (18) — Paolinelli 11, Cazes 1 and Vaagan 6.

Rowe dies

EL DORADO, Ark. (AP) —Lynwood Thomas Rowe, ex-major league pitcher, died Sunday night at his home here after suffering a heart attack.

Rowe, who would have been 40 Wednesday, was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.

His major league baseball playing days were divided between Detroit and Philadelphia Phillies. He was a scout in the Detroit farm system at the time of his death.

CROSSAN TRANSFERS

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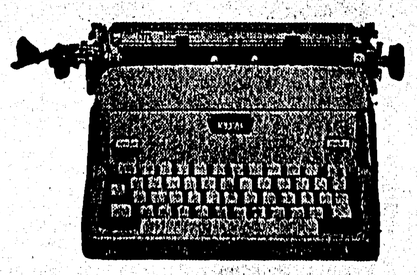

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