Rainmakers stop Sunrise club 55-43

Shooting accuracy leads to win

It took deadly foul shooting in the final quarter for Rainmakers to gain a 55-43 come-from-behind win over Sunrise in an intermediate A basketball league game played last night at the Civic Centre.

Rainmakers sunk an amazing 12 out of 14 free throw attempts for a high average of 85 per cent in the final quarter. They won the ball game by 12 points.

"Jumping" Johnny Olsen, who led Rainmakers with 22 points, scored six free throws out of seven shots in the last frame and added three field goals for a total of 12 points.

Sunrise had led 8-6 in the first quarter and 20-18 at half time. But Rainmakers outscored them 13-8 in the third and held a narrow 31-28 margin entering the final period.

It was the fourth straight win for the powerful Rainmakers. They lost their season opener to Sunrise 52-51 but have had little trouble since. This was the second win against Sunrise.

Robert Gruber and Bob Kelsey paced Sunrise with 13 and 12 points respectively. Sunrise's Jack Rudolph fouled out of the game in the fourth.

In another intermediate A game, Columbia Cellulose died in the third quarter as Chieftains romped to a 57-36 victory. Prince Rupert Senior High school downed UFAWU's "fightin' fishermen" 42-36.

The CCC-Chieftains' game was a tight battle during the first half but was dull in the second half.

CCC roared into a 17-8 first-quarter lead and looked like they were on their way to their first win of the season.

But Chieftains came back strong in the second quarter to outscore CCC 19-10 and tie the score at 27-27 entering the third quarter.

The pulpmen would just as soon forget the third quarter. Chieftains scored almost at will and chalked up an amazing 20 points while holding CCC to only one point — a free throw by Walt Harlow.

The game was the debut of coach Bill Rayson as a player. Rayson, who stands about six-foot four inches, checked Chieftains constantly but couldn't do the entire job by himself. With a couple of other players who could help prevent the opposition from scoring, the pulpmen may get rolling.

They are hampered by lack of practices due to shift work and also the absence of a few players almost every game.

UFAWU and the high school club were tied 11-11 after the first quarter but Rupert had gained a narrow 21-17 margin at half time. They increased it to 29-24 as the third quarter ended.

Lineups:

Rainmakers ((55)— Olsen 22, Scuby 4, Mitchell, Martin 11, B. Specht 4, Adams 10, Specht, Pitre, W. Specht 4 and Anderson.

Sunrise (43) — Kelsey 12, Armstrong, Robertson, Gruber 13, Haudenschild 6, Mah 4, Oskey, Smith, Slack 5 Rudolph 3.

Chieftains ((57) — Leask, J. Stewart 11, Morven 12, Gurney, Johnston 14, Adams 1, John Stewart 12 and C. Stewart 7.

CCC (36) — Slack 2, Grey, Doroschuk 2, Hodgekinson 2, J. Harlow 15, W. Harlow 11, Rayson and MacAuley 4.

Rupert (42) — Masculak 15, Crosby 10, Colussi 5, Love 3, Hamner 3, Alexander 4 and Desautels 2.

UFAWU (36) — D. Robinson 3, Lowe 7, C. Robinson 3, Nelson 7, Ridley 6, Clifton, Wilson 10, Wesley and Gordon.

Patterson honored

NEW YORK (AP)—World heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson was named fighter of the month by Ring Magazine today for his fourth-round knockout of amateurish Tom McNeeley at Toronto last Monday.

McNeeley was floored eight times in the scheduled 15-round title bout and was dropped clear out of Ring's list of top 10 challengers for the crown. He was rated ninth last month.

Also cut from the list was Toronto's George Chuvalo.

Canadiens thump Maple Leafs 3-1 to boost NHL lead to four points

By The Canadian Press

"Goaling is more than 85 per cent of a hockey team," said Toronto coach Punch Imlach. "I'd have to say about 80 per cent."

The remarks were made just before Thursday's National Hockey League game between the Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens and after it they were truer than ever.

Canadiens' goaler Jacques Plante came up with another sparkling game and Montreal downed Toronto 4-1, taking a four - point lead over Toronto for first place in the NHL. It was the fattest cushion any team had so far this season.

Toronto, still without first-string goalkeeper Johnny Bower, got good work out of replacement Don Simmons for two periods, but one crazy goal and a brief defensive collapse in the third period beat them.

In other games, New York's one-time league-leading Rangers managed only a 3-3 tie with the fifth-place Detroit Red Wings and stayed solidly in third place two points behind Toronto.

Behind them, Chicago Black Hawks started looking like the Stanley Cup champions they are as they easily battered Phil Watsons' bottom - place Boston Bruins 5-2.

In Montreal, the Leafs were thoroughly outplayed in the first period but Simmons' brilliance in making 14 stops saved them. In the second period, Bobby Pulford's shot caught the inside corner behind Plante and gave the Leafs the lead. It was only the eighth goal Plante has allowed in seven games.

Alex Faulkner of Bishop's Falls, Nfld., first Newfoundlander to make the NHL, made his debut with Toronto. He played one period.

The victory extended Montreal's unbeaten string to 10 games — five wins and five ties.

Big Jean Beliveau, out since training camp with a knee injury, came back Thursday and performed well in limited action. He is expected to be teamed with old line-mate Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion, who scored 50 goals last season with a great deal of help from Beliveau.

New York is at Montreal Saturday and Boston at Toronto. They exchange opponents Sunday with Montreal at Boston and Toronto at New York. Chicago plays at eDtroit Saturday and the Red Wings return the visit Sunday.

Gyro curlers edge Rotary

Members of the Gyro service club defeated the Rotary members in the annual curling grudge match Wednesday afternoon.

The Gyro rinks of Jack Lindsay, Bob Rudderham and Dom Dominato met Rotary's Pat Deane, Harley Lewis and Dan Kristmanson.

Lindsay won 14-7 whle Lewis edged Rudderham 12-10. Dominato came through in the third match to nip Kristmanson 9-8 and give the Grudge Trophy to Gyros.

Gyros were so confident of their abilities that they came with the trophy already engraved: "Gyros, 1961".

A reliable Rotary source said that his club let Gyros win for the experience.

After completing the fifth end, all curlers took a break for refreshments.

NEW YORK (AP) — Baltimore Colts can strengthen their chances of finishing second in the National Football League's Western Conference Saturday by beating the Rams in Los Angeles.

The Rams, in turn, need a victory over the third - place Colts to aid in their effort to escape the western cellar, which they now share with Minnesota Vikings. Baltimore's record is seven victories and five losses, while the Dams have won three and lost nine.

Last Night's Fights

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Orrie Paschall, 188, Philadelphia, stopped Tom Nelson, 185, Philadelphia, (1).

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — Charlie Cotton, 159¼, Toledo, Ohio, and Harry Scott, 158¼, England, drew, (10).

Union City, N.J. (AP)—Andy Figueroa, 152, Puerto Rico, outpointed Tony Fortunato, 152, New York (8).

Canucks, Blades tie

By The Canadian Press

Vancouver Canucks and Los Angeles Blades turned on each other with a vengeance Thursday night in a battle between the last - place clubs in the Western Hockey League's Northern and Southern Divisions.

Two players wound up in the hospital and there were a total of 14 penalties, three of them majors for fighting, as the teams struggled to a 4-4 overtime tie before 5,000 fans at Los Angeles.

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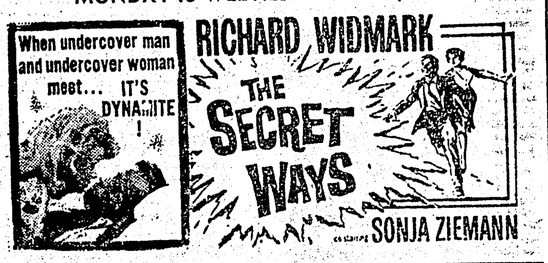

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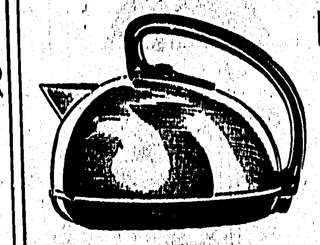
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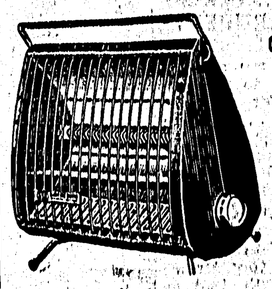
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