

Sport Letter Box

BASKETBALL CLIQUE
Sports Editor, Daily News:
I was very much surprised to read in your issue of Saturday, December 13th the account of the Ketchikan-Prince Rupert High School basketball game. Anyone who saw this game,

as the score indicated was a nip and tuck game at least from half time. Ketchikan just squeezing out a one point lead. Our boys deserve a great deal of credit for their display, as this was the first time the most of them played in a game of this nature and before such a crowd. Naturally they were very nervous.

What I take exception to, is the manner in which our lads were knocked by your article, when they certainly played their very best. Whoever wrote your article was "LONG" on knocking and short on BOOSTING the home team.

Speaking of Doug Shier as the "GOAT" of the evening was not doing him justice to say the least, he was not on his game, being very nervous.

Then in mentioning the coming Saturday night game quote "And no doubt will be there punching tonight for a second

win, which they (Ketchikan) should easily gather." And after a ding dong game of Friday night which was anyone's game up to the final whistle. That was sure knocking our team and discouraging our lads as they no doubt read your article.

Further on in your item it states "Flaten was very disappointing." In my opinion your chatter under "Basket Ball Breezes" by a Fan in your Friday issue was no doubt responsible for Jim Flaten's poor showing, as no doubt the Ketchikan coach and players read this article as they put two players to check Flaten. You can rest assured the Ketchikan paper will not give any such information to our team when they visit Ketchikan.

I heartily agree that Ketchikan High School team is a smooth working machine. If our local team had a gym in their school and a proper well paid coach such as the Ketchikan team has, no doubt it would greatly assist our players. That is a matter for our School Board especially when considering our new High School, to have in mind.

I would suggest a selection committee pick out a team to represent our High School, as in my opinion, there are as good High School student players in other teams in the Intermediate City League as in the present High School first string squad.

Let us for once get away from a clique running our team which has always prevailed in all sports, especially in our teams for out of town games, and really put a representative team on the floor in the return games in Ketchikan, and give them a real good battle. Boost our lads. It will sure assist them in their games, as they are under enough disadvantages without making it more so.

JARVIS H. McLEOD.

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You saw it in the Daily News!

Today in Sports HOOP TALK

Brownwoods Come Through

Won Comfortably Over Savoys in Senior Basketball League

Two of the happiest men in town last night were George Brown and Bobby Woods, youthful sponsors of the smart Brownwoods senior basketball team in the City League. Their boys romped to a very comfortable win in the regular league game over Savoys by a score of 58 to 44 after having never been in danger from the opening whistle. Playing much improved ball over their last two showings, the youngsters proved that they will definitely be a team to be reckoned with before the season ends and now they have their hats set to pick up their first win over the Co-ops in their next league date.

Big Sev Dominato, star guard of the Savoys team, was on the sidelines with an injured ankle. He would have meant much to his comrades had he been well. But there is no doubt, even though the game was not close, that the shoemen would have a much different outfit to cope with had he been there.

Reg Lavigne, after having proven that he has too much class to remain in the Intermediate League, played heads-up ball for Brownwoods and grabbed 12 points for his evening's work. Lavigne was a very able substitute for young Pierce who was also off on the injured list.

Ted Arney and Herb Morgan, for the Savoys, managed to get only seven points between them in the first half but came back strong in the second stanza to end up with 16 and 10 points respectively.

BO-ME-HI OUTCLASSES FASHION FOOTWEAR
In the intermediate tilt Bo-Me-Hi completely outclassed the Fashion Footwear and the game ended in a rout with a

one-sided score of 49 to 14 for the students.

Sev Dominato might do well to spend a little more time on his boys as they showed little or no understanding of the game in trying to stop the fast-moving students.

Last night was probably the last intermediate game for Lavigne and Flaten. It is rumored that Angus MacPhee has been gunning for Flaten for his Co-op entry and Art Murray has already signed Lavigne to play with his former teammates on the Brownwoods team.

FIRST WIN FOR SWEET SIXTEEN

Sweet Sixteen girls gathered their first win of the season by taking the Bo-Me-Hi girls in a close Ladies' League game by a score of 25 to 23. Nina Youngman was the star for the clothiers and netted 12 points for the evening's play.

65 Taxi continued on its undefeated way by defeating the Bo-Me-Hi Juniors 25 to 13.

Senior League
Savoys—Arney 16, R. Holkestad 5, J. Davis 6, Morgan 10, Haugen 5, M. Holkestad 2, Murray, McClymont, Alexander.

Brownwoods—Gurvich 7, Clecorme 9, Hartwig 12, Pettenuzzo, Forman 5, Lavigne 12, Thompson 5.

Intermediate League
Bo-Me-Hi—Lavigne, Shier 12, Flaten 20, Davidson, Olson 7, Spring 2, Boulter, Scherk 8, Carlson.

Fashion Footwear—Slatia, Menzies 1, Internela, Teng 5, James 3, Peterson, Sheppard 2, Skog, Arntsen 2.

Ladies' League
Sweet Sixteen—Jordan 2, Currie 8, Kildal, Simundson 1, J. Husoy 2, N. Youngman 12, L. Husoy, L. Youngman, A. Skoro. Bo-Me-Hi—A. Hamilton 4, L. Thompson, R. Thain 4, J. Budin 7, D. McKennedy, L. Howe 2, P. Smith, N. Pavich 1, M. Lykegaard 5, M. Greenwood.

Junior League
65 Taxi—Bill 6, Ratchford 6, Holt 4, Webster 5, Van Pykstra

Final arrangements are complete and the Arrows of the Vancouver Senior A League will definitely play here on January 6 and 7. Reservations will be accepted immediately and all season ticket reservations honored as was previously announced.

Arrows, standing midway in the southern senior loop, are rated one of the most popular teams for the Lower Mainland. To date they have never been beaten badly. The games in their "lost" column have all been last minute affairs.

A young squad, with the accent on speed and hustle, the Arrows extended the Canadian champion Clover Leafs to the limit before the current league leaders edged them out by a basket. Since that date veteran Gordie Sykes, former professional Hornet, has joined the squad and will definitely accompany the team north. Sykes is being reinstated as an amateur.

Meanwhile Coach Alex Bill is putting his boys through stiff workouts weekly and, during the Christmas lay-off, practices will be held every available night.

The preliminary game which is to precede one of the two games of the forthcoming series with Vancouver Arrows here will be between the High School Rainmakers and the Prince Rupert All Stars' second team. This will give fans a chance to find out how the current Rainmakers match up against competition in the senior league.

A recent Vancouver newspaper carried a story about a member of the UBC Chiefs basketball team—the Chiefs are the UBC entry in the Senior "A" League in Vancouver—who faces

2, Martinsen 2, Olsen, Sedgwick, Antone. Bo-Me-Hi—Simundson 3, Jordan, Weiss, Large 2, Black, Webster 2, Ketcheson 4, Smith 2, Johnson, Hamilton.

sible dismissal from the team. It seems there are grave doubts that he will be able to attain passing grades in the Christmas exams. If there is any such bugaboo hanging over the heads of any of the Rainmakers here?

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