

Valleyfield Braves Ahead

Valleyfield Braves led into a two-point lead in Alexander Cup playoff series, Toronto St. Michael's night by trouncing the 3 to 3 in a rough-house before a crowd of 5717 in the Forum.

night's contest was made point game when Canadian amateur officials tried to lagging best of seven in six games. Yesterday decided that the first team

obtaining eight points would be the winner.
On the basis of one previous victory a tie and last night's four-point triumph, the Braves have seven points while St. Michael's, with two victories and a tie, have five points. The series returns to Toronto Saturday night.

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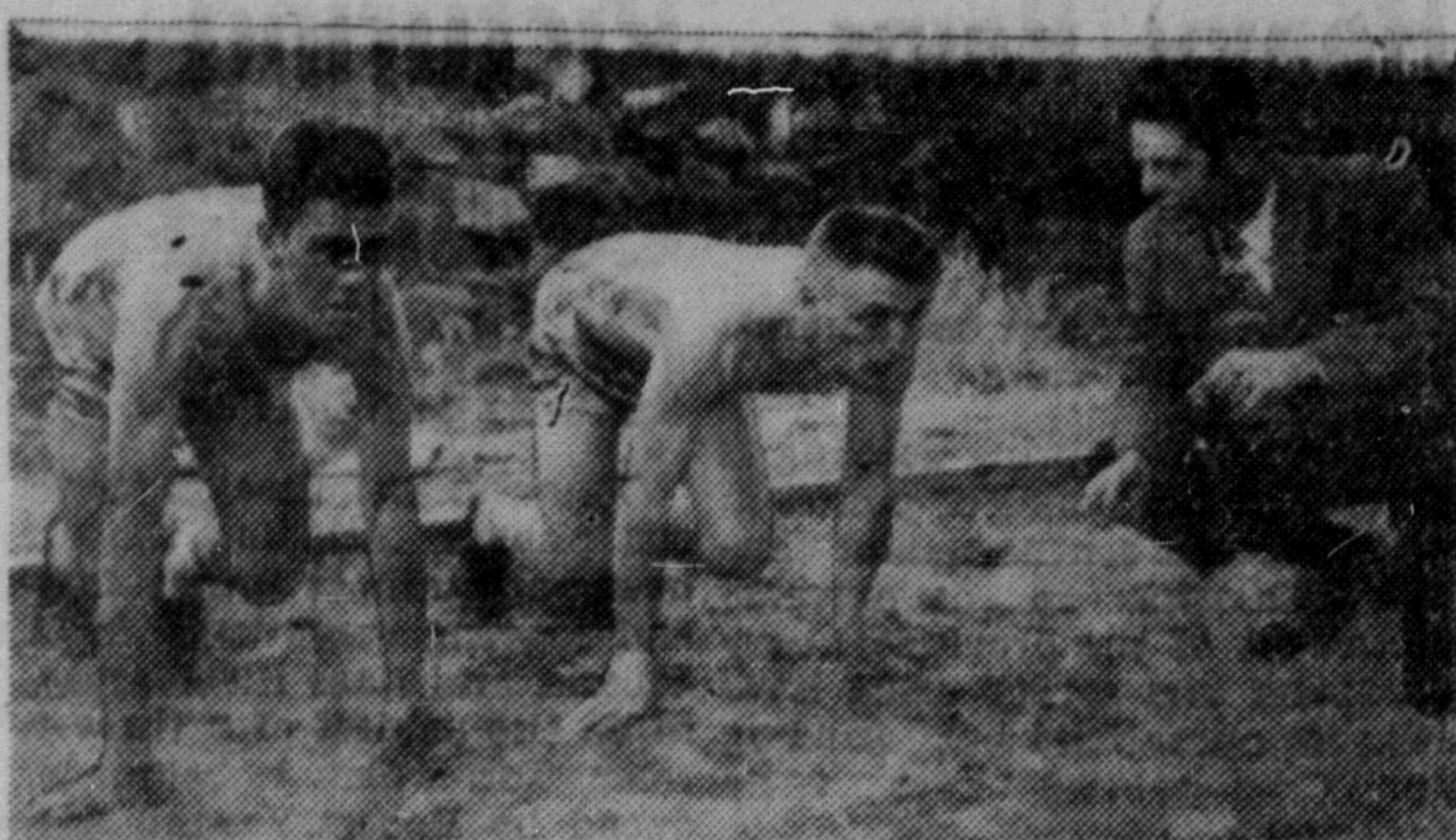
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AT KETCHIKAN MEET—Bo-Me-Hi pins much of its hope for success in an inter-High School track meet now taking place at Ketchikan on Carl Watson (left) and Bob Williamson. Watson is an all-round track man. Williamson is captain of the Prince Rupert team and was a heavy winner at Ketchikan last year when Prince Rupert's team was too small to have a chance. At right is seen Les Mathews, trainer and coach of the Bo-Me-Hi team. Results of the Ketchikan meet will be published in the Daily News as it progresses.

Blackwood on Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

It was late at night. Everybody had left the bridge club except Mr. Dale and the three erstwhile conspirators, Mr. New, Mr. Abel and Mr. Muzzy. Those three had lost their shirts trying to beat the experts with their new point count method of bidding.

Enjoying a good-night drink, Mr. Dale was in a mellow mood. He was doing a bit of philosophizing. Let's listen in.

"You see, my dear fatheads," he was saying, "this is not the first time someone has tried to devise a mathematical or point counting method of bidding. In my younger and more foolish days I was guilty of it myself.

"Why I had a system where you counted all the way down to eight spots. Sometimes it took us 10 minutes or more just to BID a hand. I gave the whole thing up the night my partner and I got into a grand slam and the opponents calmly took the first two tricks with the ace and king of trumps.

"All of these methods," the old master continued, "have met the same fate. Intended to simplify the game, they actually complicate it with the grinding necessity for counting, adding, subtracting, revaluing and re-counting. I would almost rather lose than go through that grueling rigmarole."

Mr. Muzzy tittered at this last statement.

"Wait a minute, son," said Mr. Dale, smiling. "Notice I said 'almost.' (I'm a practical man.) But actually I would have a better chance of winning if I didn't go through it.
"Consider the infinite variety of hands that can be dealt and the infinite variety of the players you play with and against. An arbitrary system of counting so much for this card and so much for that one simply cannot take care of these endless variations."

Mr. Dale paused for a sip of his drink. "Remember it or not, as you wish," he went on, "but counting is no substitute for thinking."

"But the author of our book is one of the all-time greats of bridge," put in Mr. New.

"That's true," admitted Mr. Dale. "But I think you fellows have taken everything he says about counting too literally. As a matter of fact, in an earlier book (one of the best books ever written on bidding) this very same author says that he doesn't like counting too much and tries to avoid it whenever possible. It's a shame he has finally yielded to the carving most people have for short cuts to success.

"It's human nature, I guess. People want to learn the piano through some system of numbering the keys, or they want to become great dancers or writers or businessmen through some quick, magic formula. But in bridge as in more serious endeavors there isn't anything that will take the place of study, practice—and especially thinking and good judgment."

Mr. Dale finished his drink. "You boys have played enough now," he said, "to be able to look at a hand and decide whether it's worth one bid or two, whether it qualifies for a single raise or a jump raise and so on. In most cases the decision will be clear-cut.

"In very close cases, consider the Humanities of the situation. If you have a weak partner and strong opponents, take the conservative course. If your op-

ponents are weak players or if they are temporarily unhorsed, bull your way through... And now let's go home. Talking this serious stuff to you birds makes me feel old."

"Well, aren't you?" kidded Mr. Muzzy.

"Yes, I guess I am," the old boy replied. "But age has its compensations. I know, for example, that it's a helluva lot better to bid with your brain than with your abacus."

-BASEBALL-

National
Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia 0.
St. Louis 2, New York 3.
Chicago 1, Brooklyn 6.
Cincinnati 4, Boston 1.

American
All games postponed.

Western International
Vancouver 5, Victoria 6

Wenatchee 9, Salem 7

Tacoma 0, Spokane 3

Tri-City at Yakima postponed

on account of rain.

Pacific Coast
San Diego 3, San Francisco 14

Oakland 7, Seattle 2

Sacramento 3, Hollywood 6

Los Angeles at Portland, postponed, rain.

SPORT SHOTS

John Kiss, 27-year-old Toronto soccer player, typifies the spirit of the athlete who makes a comeback in the face of adversity. Kiss comes from Hungary, and before he left was a player of international calibre. But he resolved to face the Communist-dominated country. His escape route led on foot over the Alps to Italy and both legs were frozen in the mountain passes.

In Italy, doctors amputated all the toes on his left foot and part of the foot itself. It was six months before he learned to walk again, and longer before he could run. Kiss came to Canada with the help of an uncle in Alberta. He's an expert tool and diemaker, and as playing-coach of the all-Hungarian team here is showing all of his old skill and much of his former speed.

MOST CIVILIZED
EDMONTON(CP)—The English people are still the most mature and most civilized in the modern world, said Dr. W. C. Hardy, Classics Professor of the University of Alberta, in address here. Also a veteran Canadian amateur hockey official, he has visited Britain and Europe many times.



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Talks About Totem Poles

History of Indian totem poles is highly interesting, the Business and Professional Women's Club discovered Wednesday night at their dinner meeting. F. E. Anfield, superintendent of Indian affairs, guest speaker, gave a detailed talk on totem lore, clans and crests of B. C. coastal Indians.

He explained how the totem pole recorded the life and events which took place over the years within a clan. In the local area, he said, there were five clans, each having a crest, such as Eagle, Wolf, Bear, Black Fish and the Whale. He compared the clans and their symbols to present day lodges and said that the ties of clanship were often stronger than actual family ties.

The north coast Indians have as their crest the Thunderbird with closed wings. The Thunderbird is also a predominant crest among south coast Indians but its wings are spread. The Indian

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hotel arrivals

(Prince Rupert)

G. J. Keating, M. D. E. Bravender, R. E. Kingston, J. E. Malley, W. L. Jones, J. A. Walker, J. Jephson, E. G. Burns, R. M. Matthews, Vancouver; D. MacInnes, North Vancouver; G. Axworthy, West Summerland; J. R. Blumenaur, Salmon Arm; J. G.

name for Thunderbird is "Quinqualegee," Mr. Anfield said. After hearing Mr. Anfield, club members felt they would now be a great deal more interested in the story of totems, especially in the totem poles displayed in Prince Rupert.

Prospective members welcomed to the meeting were Mrs. Vesta Douglas, Mrs. Mary Collinson, Misses Claire LaBlanc, Lee Thels, Eleanor St. Pierre and Vivienne Taylor.

The meeting in June, it was decided, will be a picnic at Salt Lakes.

Blumenaur, Kelowna; J. A. Beaton, Kamloops; Miss M. D. Leche, Seattle; Mrs. A. Fowler, Regina; W. G. Broad, Victoria; Mrs. H. Coleman and son, Ketchikan.

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