

Split Decision St. Louis Bout

ST. LOUIS — Frances Ray Famechon, easily battered in the first round, made a game comeback to gain a split decision from St. Louis Charley Riley in a bruising ten-round featherweight bout tonight. Neither man scored a knockdown.

Miss Helen White sails tonight on the Prince George for Vancouver, where she will take a plane to Montreal to resume her nurse's training at Royal Victoria Hospital. Miss White has been visiting her parents at the Angus Apartments here. She will be accompanied as far as Vancouver by her mother, who will visit in the southern city.

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Schedule Of Basketball

Basketball League schedule for January is as follows:

- Jan. 13—Junior, High School vs. Rupert Hotel; intermediate, Hi Green vs. Merchants; exhibition, Hi Gold vs. G. & A.; senior, Co-ops vs. Brownwoods. Jan. 16—Junior, Cooks vs. Mansons; intermediate, Fashion vs. Merchants; senior, G. & A. vs. Co-op. Jan. 20—Rupert Hotel vs. Mansons; girls, High School vs. Old-Timers; intermediate, Hi Gold vs. Thunderbirds; senior, Brownwoods vs. G. & A. Jan. 23—Junior, High School vs. Cooks; intermediate, Hi Green vs. Fashion; senior, Brownwoods vs. Co-op. Jan. 27—Junior, Mansons vs. Hi School; intermediate, Merchants vs. Hi Gold; senior, Co-op vs. G. & A. Jan. 29—Junior, Rupert Hotel vs. Cooks; exhibition, Bo-Me-Hi vs. Wrangell Hi. Jan. 30—Intermediate, Thunderbirds vs. Hi Green; exhibition, Bo-Me-Hi vs. Wrangell Hi.

CLEAN SLATE MONTREAL — At least one Montrealer started the new year with a clean slate. The city finance director received \$30 in conscience money from an anonymous donor who wrote that he wished to reimburse the city



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Blackwood on Bridge

When your partner bids four no trump asking for aces and the next hand passes, you are required to answer, indicating how many aces you have. Now and then a player will pass his partner's four no trump because he has previously opened on an absolute minimum hand. Don't do that. If your previous bid or bids have been sound, however minimum, you must consider partner's four no trump as forcing. Trust your partner. He is asking you for information—not for a blind guess as to how many tricks the combined hands will take.

North-South vulnerable. South dealer. North (Mr. Champion) S-A-K-Q-9-8 H-K-Q-J-7 D-A-6-5 C-7 West (Miss Brash) S-6-5 H-9-6 D-Q-7-3 C-Q-J-10-9-4-2 East (Mrs. Keen) S-10-9-3 H-10-2 D-K-J-10-9 C-3-5-3 South (Mr. Muzzy) S-7-3 E-A-K-5-4-3 D-3-4-2 C-A-K-6 The bidding: South West North East 1H Pass 2C 4NT Pass

Mr. Muzzy opened today's hand with a minimum holding and my venturesome friend, Miss Brash, was right in there with an overcall of two clubs. After Mr. Champion's jump to four no trump, Mr. Muzzy decided to do a little master-minding of his own—a sad decision indeed. He had only three face cards. He had no intermediate cards. He didn't see how there could be a slam. He had Miss Brash's suit well stopped. He passed. Now Mrs. Keen made an excellent shot with her opening lead. She opened the jack of diamonds, and Mr. Champion couldn't make more than five no trump.

"Right again," said Mr. Muzzy, looking to the kibitzers for approval of his "smart" pass. Then the ceiling fell in on him. Mr. Champion pointed out that proper play would have brought a grand slam at hearts. It was easy. Mr. Muzzy could have pulled trumps after winning the probable club opening. He could then lead three rounds of spades, discarding a diamond from his hand on the third round. A fourth round of spades would follow, trumped in the South hand.

Next, dummy could be entered with the diamond ace and the fifth spade would furnish a parking place for South's last diamond. Mr. Muzzy lost, the six of clubs, could be trumped on the board. Miss Brash was very pleased with herself over this deal. She considered that her overcall had kept her opponents out of a slam. But I would wager that she lost points on the deal, because if Mr. Muzzy had played seven hearts he probably would have fubbed it—and Miss Brash would have got a plus score.

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Ladies' Bowls Race Close

Ginger Snaps are now leading "F" Division of the Ladies' Bowling League with a one point margin in the standing over Mansons' while Annette's and Rosa Lee's are in a two-way tie for top spot in "A" Division.

In this week's play B. Davis of Black Cats had both high single and high three game aggregate individual honors in "B" Division with 290 and 694 respectively.

In "A" Division A. McMeekin of Annette's had high single score of 291 and D. Nelson of Rosa Lee's high three game aggregate of 709.

Team results were as follows: "B" Division Black Cats 3, Wallace Pharm. 0 Rockette 2, Big Sisters 1 Savoy's 2 Commercial 1 Gingersnaps 2, Skeena Groc. 1 Mansons' 2, Shenton's 1 L.C.C.E.A. 2, Battlers 1. "A" Division Brownwoods 3, C.B. of Commerce 2, Rosa Lee's 3, Wrathall's 0 McMeekin 2, Annette's 1 Lyons 2, Belmont 1 Lucky Strikes 2, Stars 1 Gordon & Anderson 2, Tollers 1.

LEAGUE STANDINGS "B" Division Gingersnaps 13 5 13 Mansons' 12 6 12 Commercial 10 3 16 Rockette 10 2 10 Savoy's 9 9 9 B.C.G.E.A. 9 9 9 Big Sisters 9 9 9 Battlers 8 10 3 Skeena Grocery 7 11 7 Shenton's 7 11 7 Black Cats 7 11 7 Wallace Pharm 7 11 7 "A" Division Annette's 12 6 12 Rosa Lee's 12 6 12 Brownwoods 11 7 12 McMeekin's 10 9 11 Gordon & Anderson 9 9 9 Lyons 9 9 9 Tollers 9 9 9 Lucky Strikes 8 10 8 Belmont 8 10 8 Stars 7 11 7 C.B. of Commerce 7 11 7 Wrathall's 6 12 6

INDIVIDUAL SCORING Ladies' "B" Wallace Pharmacy—G. Thain 331, D. Dibb 416, A. Parker 333, S. Hartwick 423, K. Thompson 651. Black Cat—J. Hicks 404, H. Smeer 422, W. Duncan 146, P. Higgin 310, M. Magan 151, B. Davi 694. Rockettes—N. Geddes 577, Mae Antonio 412, M. Penney 444, O. Newby 531, E. Hood 424. Bi Sisters—E. Bond 337, M. Bond 491, I. Miller 515, E. Rothwell 44, I. Muncy 400. Commercial—J. Helgeson 453, J. Stewart 595, L. Smith 490, M. Hoban 45, L. Ewart 444. Savoy's—Morrison P. 477, Lavi-olett M. 518, Knutson E. 411, John D. 465, McCallum R. 532. Skeena Groceries—G. Van Meer 7, W. Slater 503, S. Smith 309, E. Wasyk 355, I. Hagare 384. Gingersnaps—C. Wilson 485, B. McGlashan 367, N. Kennedy 470, V. Parkin 474, I. Stewart 441. Shenton's—T. Smith 430, J. Mc-Kinnon 343, M. Shenton 464, V. Elliott 393, B. Matson 500. Mansons'—T. Dell 365, M. Copeland 459, D. Stewart 454, N. Jones 512, M. Montgomery 409. B.C.G.E.A.—M. Baxter 472, L. Steffens 287, A. Holkested 527, E. Rivett 369, J. Thornton 464. Battlers—G. Wilkins 463, S. Downing 463, J. Parkhouse 397, L. McNish 355, J. Adcock 511. Ladies' "A" Brownwoods—L. Donaldson 592, M. Gurvich 465, F. Craner 505, L. McKay 442, G. Brown 558.

Rectior Favors Soccer Pools

PLYMOUTH, Eng. — R.Y. Richard Crookshank, rector of Bichard Feeters, in Devonshire, has offered to serve as chaplain to any organization set up by sweepstake or football pools players to defend their liberties.

The rector, who admitted having an "irregular pool investment," said he would like to know "what ludicrous nonsense" anti-gambling forces were reducing intelligent ethics and morality. In his opinion gambling was no necessarily a moral danger. "Do the puritans seriously wish us to believe that a fatherly mother or children doing a puzzle for a small price are miserable sinners?" he asked. "If they suggest that a gentle word at a tavern, guessing the weight of an end stake made by a wiser less expert, is a wicked evil man?"

Declaring such views were born in a "spirit of bigotry," he charged they had a tendency to turn young people away from the churches. "My advice to the so-called abandoned and unprincipled rafflers, sweepstakers and pool-players and so on is to form a society for the protection of their liberties," he added. "If they would care to have an honest and sane champion I humbly offer myself to them."

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