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REPLY TO COMPLAINT

Sports Editor, Daily News:—

In reply to the complaint lodged by "One Interested" against last Saturday's basketball write-up in which one of the 32 Taxi team was criticized for none too commendable playing tactics, I wish to point out several important considerations.

After writing up senior games for the past month your reporter considered his criticism of the player in question very carefully. It was only after hearing the remarks of spectators for some time and, after careful thought himself, that he committed himself to this pronouncement.

Your reporter is fully competent after years of playing experience, coaching and refereeing to judge, even without the help of spectators remarks play that is dirty and not in the best interests of the game. It was for this alone that the player was criticized.

The player was lauded in the same write-up for his fine play in the second half of the game in these terms: "Ratchford started to play, and with Wrathall and D. Gurvich, was throwing them in with monotonous regularity and deadly precision." Is this not, indeed, an attempt to give credit where credit is due?

It was also mentioned by "One

Interested" that the player had but two personal fouls called on him. That is quite true, and very significant. Two more personal fouls would have removed the player permanently from the game; and it was only after such reminders that the play improved. These little admonitions from the referee are necessary to restrict the play of those teams and players who mistake basketball for wrestling, or Canadian rugby.

YOUR REPORTER.

Juneau Boxer Has Easy Victory Over Ketchikan Rival

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 8.—Miles Murphy of Juneau spotted Young "Ripper" Richmond of Ketchikan ten pounds and won the decision easily, winning all six rounds. The Gastineau Channel fighter punished the Ketchikan boxer badly, knocking him down in the third round and battering him badly in the last three rounds.

The Ketchikan boy managed to avoid the heaviest punches and Murphy was unable to land the knockout blow. Richmond did not connect solidly once during the entire six rounds. Murphy was left without a mark at the final gong.

BADMINTON IS PLAYED

Prince Rupert Club Entertains Members of Skeena Club

On Saturday evening the Prince Rupert Badminton Club entertained the members of the Skeena Club at the McIntyre Hall. Sixteen couples took part in an American tournament, the arrangements for which were in the hands of Eric Gee and James Farquhar. There was good fast play throughout the evening. The winners of Court One were Molly Cross and Ronald Allen while the winners of Court Two were Frances Cross and Bill Tobey.

These four played off the finals in a well contested match, the scores being 11-15, 15-10, 15-5 in favor of Miss Cross and A. Allen.

After refreshments, Mr. Gee presented the prizes, and H. L. Shadwell moved a vote of thanks to the Prince Rupert Badminton Club for the pleasant evening they had enjoyed.

HAWKS WIN BILLIARDS

Junior League Got Under Way With Playing of Fixture Last Night

In the opening fixture of the newly organized Junior Billiard League, Hawks won from Jewelers by an aggregate score of 952 to 786 last night. Individual scores were as follows:

J. May (Hawks), 200; J. Bulge (Jewelers), 132.
W. E. Hayhurst, 152; W. Stewart 200.
W. Hutson, 200; L. Raabe, 131.
P. Chenoski, 200; A. Strachan 127.
R. Wicks, 200; W. Funnell, 192.

NEW MILL GRINDING

British Columbia Peace River Block started milling flour last month from No. 1 hard wheat in the newly established mill at Fort St. John. The new mill, representing an investment of \$25,000, was organized by C. B. Phillips who was aided by a \$7500 loan from the provincial government.

Hoop Line-ups For Tonight's Games Named

Junior League

Rovers—J. McRae, T. McMeekin, W. Bremner, E. Christensen, G. Wilscroft, A. Davies and G. McKinley.
Boy Scouts—V. Miller, E. Santerbane, G. Viereck, W. Smith, S. Watson and J. Lindsay.

Intermediate League

High School—A. Walters, B. Unger, O. Wingham, B. Vance, M. Forbes and R. Ross.

Merchants—J. Currie, E. Dingwell, F. Dingwell, J. McNulty, J. Comadina, J. Pierce and F. Morrison.

Ladies' League

Cardinals—L. Lowe, C. Irvine, P. Stone, V. Krievsky, A. Gilchrist and E. Rivett.

Comets—E. Steen, J. Roberts, P. Harvey, N. Gurvich, B. Jack, P. McGuire and E. Connery.

Senior League

Panthers—A. Cross, A. Mitchell, H. Macdonald, R. Irvine, H. Lyons, T. Kelsey and J. McNulty.

32 Taxi—D. Gurvich, V. Menzies, R. Ratchford, W. Wrathall, D. Frizell, S. Gurvich and H. Menzies.

New Billiard Loop Formed

Junior League is Organized With Four Teams Entered—Play Started Last Night

A Junior Billiard League has been organized with four teams—Hawks, Jewelers, League of Nations and Empress—entered. Play started last night when the Hawks defeated the Jewelers by a score of 952 to 786. The schedule for the remainder of the first half of the season is announced as follows:

December 10—League of Nations vs. Empress.
December 14—Hawks vs. League of Nations.
December 17—Jewelers vs. Empress.

December 28—Hawks vs. Empress.
December 31—Jewelers vs. League of Nations.

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LOCAL BOYS IN ELEVEN

Bill Gwyer and Jimmy Stewart Members of University of B.C. Football Team

Jimmy Stewart and Bill Gwyer of this city were members of the University of British Columbia football team which won the inter-collegiate championship of Western Canada in Vancouver a few days ago by defeating University of Manitoba 4 to 3. Both local boys can be seen in a group picture of the team which appears on the front page of a recent Vancouver Province.

GROTTO WINNER

Captured Honors in First Half of Cribbage League Season Last Night

Grotto won the first half of the Cribbage League season last night although beaten 14 to 13 by the Musketeers. Seal Cove, which had been in the lead by a single point, lost 16 to 11 to the Moose and thus fell behind the tobaccoists. The second half of the season will start after the Christmas and New Year holiday season. In the spring winners of the first and second halves will play off to decide the city championship.

Scores last night were as follows:
Moose 16, Seal Cove 11.
I. O. O. F. 15, K. C. 12.
Musketeers 14, Grotto 13.
Elks 14, Eagles 13.
P. R. Hotel 14, Swifts 13.

League Standing		
	W	L
Grotto	129	114
Seal Cove	128	115
Musketeers	127	116
Elks	126	117
Moose	124	119
I. O. O. F.	123	120
P. R. Hotel	123	120
Eagles	120	123
K. C.	109	134
Swifts	106	137

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SPORT CHAT

An interesting handicap badminton tournament was recently held at Anyox with many players taking part. On one court Mrs. T. Stretton and Sid Peters were the winners and on the other Miss Nettie Thomson and W. Adams had a perfect score. Single ladder games are now being started at the smelter town and, if there are sufficient interested, there will be a series of double ladders. Badminton is proving very popular in Anyox this season and players there have indicated that they are very proficient in the sport.

There is an active basketball season at Anyox this winter. There are three leagues in operation—Intermediate, Ladies and Senior—and competition is keen in each division. There are some strong hoop players at the smelter town and it

Went Through Ice On Morse Creek

Several young folks, trusting to the ice before it had made sufficient thickness, are reported to have had icy plunges in Morse Creek yesterday. Fortunately, there were no serious accidents.

With the weather continuing cold, prospects are that skating will again be a popular pastime for local people.

It is to be hoped that later in the season Prince Rupert fans will have the opportunity of seeing them in action here. There have been usually some kind of inter-town games of basketball between Prince Rupert and Anyox in the past and there would seem to be no reason for a lapse this winter.

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