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RAINMAKERS CHALK UP FIRST SENIOR "A" BASKETBALL WIN

Handy Victory Over B.C. Packers — Port Edward Takes Measure of Macey's

After taking such a trouncing from 99 Taxi on Tuesday night, Bo-Me-Hi Rainmakers went out and gave the hapless B.C. Packers an awful drenching in the Saturday night basketball tussle at the Civic Centre. The final score was 68 to 47 for the Students of the Green and Gold. After the first quarter in which the play was very evenly divided, the teams came to the end of the first quarter with an 11 to 11 tie. From the start of the second quarter, however, the lads from the Bo-Me-Hi really began to sizzle. Moving swiftly and surely, the students took a quick lead and came coasting into the end of the first half leading 28-19. But if the students though they could coast for the rest of the night they were wrong for, in the third quarter, the Packers outscored them and at times outplayed them. Although they fought right to the final whistle, they couldn't quite seem to get clicking the way the Rainmakers were, with Forman and Ciccone lobbing them in from all angles for the Students the Packers began to slow down which gave the High School the extra zip, helping them to move well out in front with a 20-point lead. High men of the night were Forman and Ciccone of the High School with 20 and 16 points respectively and Fitch of the B.C. Packers with 15.

Handling the whistle in this game was Bobby Houston of the 99 squad. There is an acute shortage of referees and Bob consented to take this game.

Bo-Me-Hi—Ciccone 16, Thompson 8, Forman 20, Hartwig 6, Lavigne 6, Skog 4, Flaten 2, Davidson 2, Intermela 4. Total 68.

B.C. Packers—Mazzoni 7, Gurvich 6, Brown 3, Fitch 15, Calderoni 8, White 8, Ross. Total 47.

Port Edward's First Victory

Port Edwdard won their first game in the Senior "B" mix-up against Macey's 48 to 40. Hustling all over the floor, the Port Edward team did not give the soda boys very many opportunities at the hoop. But, by driving the ball literally through the Macey's defences, the canterymen managed to make so many shots at the net that it was more of the law of average than good marksmanship that won the game for them. Powerhouse of Port Ed was A. Gurney who copped 31 of his teams 48 points. Trying just about everything in the book, Macey's were unable to stem the flood as Port Ed rolled up the floor. Most noticeable thing in this game was the two different styles of ball handling that was displayed—Port Ed was shooting from anywhere and everywhere on the floor while Macey's tried desperately to work the ball through the wall of Port Edward's defence. The first half was ended with Port Edward on the long end of a 19-16 score. Led by Haugan the lunch counter boys tried hard in the second half but were unable to keep their aggressive opponents down. With Macey's being outscored in this half 29 to 24, Port Edward ended up the winner by a score of 48-40.

Macey's—B. Menzies 2, B. Gill 3, J. Haugan 14, B. Pierce, E. Pierce 7, U. Arnsten 3, M. Teng 6, J. James 1, O. Slatta, G. Olafson 2, N. Skogmo 2. Total 40.

Port Edward—A. Gurney 31, H. Stevenson, C. Clayton 9, A. Leeson, M. MacNeil, T. Stevenson 4, A. Stevens, D. Moven 2, S. Bright, C. Barton 2, B. Nelson. Total 48.

The Junior game showed a smooth working Gyro squad tackle the skyline of the Juniors—the Legion—in a fine display of junior ball handling. Both teams were right in there playing very good ball with the Gyro having the slight edge over Legion in the first half. Working the ball much smoother than the Legion, Syd Woodside's boys copped a 7-point lead which brought them to the halfway mark on the long side of a 14-7 score. Coming into the second half, Legion turned on some of their reserve efforts but were unable to overcome the first half lead Gyro had piled up. Trying desperately in the closing minutes of play Legion came into the closing second on the short side of the 35-28 full time score. The fans were well satisfied by both teams good showing.

Gyro—Schier 13, Haugan 6, Scherk 8, Moore 1, Mercer, Sunberg, S. Scherk 7, Donaldson. Total 35.

Legion—Olson 4, Lien 2, Wong 1, Boulter 6, T. Carlson 12, B. Hill, G. Carlson 2, T. Forman 1, Eidsvick. Total 28.

Handling the whistle in the three games for the night were N. J. Gurvich (Junior), Alex Bill (Senior B), and B. Houston (Senior A). The scorekeepers were D. Bill (Junior), and V. Ciccone (Senior). Timekeepers were Spring (Junior), D. Bill (Senior B); and Webster (Senior A).

SHORT SPORT

The scramble hockey the Toronto Maple Leafs play these nights may draw in the fans but Beattie Ramsay prefers the open, passing game they featured when he played for them the year the club was formed. The 51-year old contractor, now in Regina, says however, that "the fans seem to like it this way and you've got to give them what they want."

Beattie is one of the few players to write his own professional hockey contract. The management of the Leafs told him to name his own terms when contract time came along in the 1925-26 season. He took them up that year and the following season. But when the same offer was extended for the 1929-30 season, Beattie turned it down. At 32 he felt he wasn't worth his weight in hockey and stayed with his engineering work in Saskatchewan. That ended a hockey playing career which led from the open rinks at Lumsden, Saskatchewan, 20 miles northwest of Regina, to the Olympic Games of 1924. While studying engineering at the University of Toronto in 1921, he found time to captain the Blue and White team. Dr. Billy Dafoe, brother of the Quints' physician, was coach.

Beattie joined the famous Toronto Granites in 1923 and played defence for the sextet at the Olympic Games the following year when they beat the United States team for the championship. With him on that team were Hooley Smith, Al McCaffrey, Dunc Munro and sensational Harry Watson, tempted but never lured to professional ranks. Teammates on the Leafs who "would make plays in which everybody could see who was scoring" included Hap Day, "Ace" Bailey and Art Duncan. John Ross Roach was the Leaf goalkeeper.

Hockey has speeded up since those days but Beattie prefers to see a neat play rather than a scramble. But he is not getting much satisfaction along those lines from the Regina Patricias, the junior hockey club of which he is president. The Pats, formed this year in an alliance of the Abbotts and Commandos, are winning games but most of it is scramble hockey. Beattie doesn't take any hand in coaching the Pats.

He coached the Princeton University squad for three seasons following his retirement from the Leafs, travelling east from his highways job in Saskatchewan. Then, in 1937, the Prince Albert senior team came under his wing and they won 21 out of 22 league games in one season. The Regina Aces later prospered under his direction. Now his winter sports activities are confined to curling with the Caledonia club in Regina and administration of the Pats.

"Junior hockey will come into its own in the next few years," Beattie believes. "We can't afford first class professional hockey in the west so we do our best with so-called amateur senior hockey." Generally the fast skater has the advantage these days with hockey speeded up, and he says that western players therefore have a bit of a break since it is "generally accepted" that the westerner is on the average a faster skater.

TEN-PIN BOWLING

December 15—Watts & Nickerson vs. General Motors; Imperial Oil vs. 99; Savoy vs. B.-A. Oil.

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January 5—Savoy vs. 99; B.-A. Oil vs. Watts & Nickerson; Imperial Oil vs. General Motors.

January 12—B.-A. Oil vs. General Motors; Savoy vs. Imperial Oil; Watts & Nickerson vs. 99.

January 19—Imperial Oil vs. 99; Watts & Nickerson vs. General Motors; Savoy vs. B.-A. Oil

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AUSSIES USE AIRCRAFT IN POLICE WORK

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The new police plane is used to fly detectives and dogs to the scene of crimes in country areas, to take aerial photographs of districts where crimes have occurred and to spot outbreaks of fire.

It has a crew of three, all former members of the Royal Australian Air Force, who work in shifts, and carries four detectives. The plane has a compartment for police dogs and a portable selection of crime detection equipment.

The plane is equipped with two-way radio which keeps it in touch with headquarters in Sydney and permits it to tune in to the police frequencies of the neighboring states of Queensland and Victoria.

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