

Today in Sports

99 TAXI HOOP TEAM RETIRES FROM LEAGUE

Disbandment Makes Players Available to Other Teams in Senior "A" Category

Weakened by the loss of key players, the once-mighty 99 Taxi team has received permission from the Basketball Association executive to disband and retire from the senior "A" league.

Retirement of the team brings to an end a victory trail that was marked by such milestones as 10 wins offset by only one loss during the first half of the league schedule but which in latter days was buffeted by intra-league criticism and fan unpopularity that sorely tried the spirits of the players.

The move also unburdens Association President Art Murray of the embarrassment of being also a sponsor of a team. President Murray made the disbandment application to the dozen members of the executive, however, on grounds that, since his team lacked sufficient players, it would be wise to place the remaining ones at the disposal of the three other teams in the league, thereby strengthening them.

Now in a free-lance category, the former 99 Taxi teammates are available to the other "A" teams and those that are not absorbed in that league will be able to enter the senior "B" group on application to the executive.

The disbandment of the 99 team brought into the open one of the weakest points of the local basketball set-up, namely, the relatively small number of players suitable for senior "A" competition and the executive laid plans for the future correction of this condition.

Recognizing the need to keep a constant flow of new players coming up from the junior ranks the meeting discussed plans to create a larger reservoir of junior players by organizing a house league in that group and by possibly creating a basketball school.

In this way, they hope to gradually bridge the existing gap between junior players and the number that are now competent for senior "A" competition. An interim financial statement read by Civic Centre General Secretary Don Forward, showed that the Association has operated at a small financial advantage since it began last October.

HOOP PLAY-OFF PUZZLE SOLVED

How to conduct the play-offs in the senior "A" basketball league now that 99 Taxi, winners of the first half of the schedule, have disbanded, puzzled Basketball Association officials this week, but they finally found an answer which they accepted tentatively.

The play-off will be conducted on the basis of the results of the second half of the schedule and probably will result in the two lower teams of the three-team league meeting in a semi-final series which will qualify the top team to meet the league winner in a final play-off series.

ALL-STARS HELP STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS

Prince Rupert Basketball Association is making a generous gesture on behalf of the Booth Memorial Rainmakers who are struggling to raise funds for the New Westminster journey which will enable them to take part in the provincial high school hoop tournament next March.

The league plans to invite a Ketchikan all-star team to come

here and meet Doc Montgomery's budding all-star aggregation in a two-game series—with proceeds to go toward the Rainmakers' travelling expenses. Originally, the Association had authorized Coach Montgomery to organize an all-star team which would meet the Alaskans on territorial soil, Tuesday night, however, the executive revised

the plan, to have the first two games of the series played here. The local all-stars will visit Ketchikan later.

Hockey Scores

Toronto 1, Montreal 1.

TEN-PIN BOWLING

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

J. Thornton	155	207	119
B. Usick	170	157	190
M. Amadio	85	173	57
B. Laird	114	231	157
Handicap	122	122	122
	754	1069	806

DOCKETTES—			
R. Magner	146	162	128
R. Montgomery	138	130	93
F. Hallgrimson	142	201	153
M. Montgomery	159	139	150
E. Anderson	180	173	160
Handicap	69	69	69
	834	874	753

WATTS & NICKERSON—			
V. Wrathall	179	90	197
N. Noble	121	114	156
N. Munthe	228	100	143
A. Wrathall	154	112	132
M. Cross	182	164	101
Handicap	21	21	21
	885	601	750

REVENUERS—			
R. Anderson	139	149	138
G. Strangely	113	115	192
K. Reid	122	242	225
D. Peachey	120	83	100
E. Hintz	149	163	154
Handicap	76	76	76
	719	828	886

PEOPLES—			
C. Bellamy	137	197	139
E. Clark	254	127	155
S. Ramsay	176	136	172
I. Ramsay	204	155	162
M. Stewart	182	84	131
Handicap	43	43	43
	996	842	793

KHATADAS—			
Y. Turcotte	212	90	125
A. Grimble	114	206	112
B. Payne	151	156	145
M. McRae	91	133	106
H. Watrin	141	173	193
Handicap	108	108	108
	817	866	788

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SHORT SPORT

The Canadian Hockey Association and National Hockey Association "war" ended 37 years ago when the two professional circuits merged under the latter title. Formed late in 1909, the two groups drafted clashing schedules and exit for one or both was forecast. The present National Hockey League, an outgrowth of the N.H.A., was founded in 1917.

Grover Cleveland Alexander, one of the great right-handed pitchers of all time, was added to baseball's Hall of Fame nine years ago. "Old Pete," who did all his flinging for Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Louis in the National League from 1911 to 1930, was first choice of 212 of 262 experts, members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

January 18 — Savoy vs. B. C. Packers, Port Edward vs. Co-operative, Canadian Legion vs. Watts & Nickerson.

January 21 — 99 Taxi vs. B. C. Packers, Macey's vs. Port Edward, Sweet Sixteen vs. High School, Grotto vs. Watts & Nickerson.

January 25 — Savoy vs. High School, Co-operative vs. Macey's, Canadian Legion vs. Gyro.

HINTS CREATION OF TIMEKEEPERS, REFEREES' ASS'N

An effort by the Prince Rupert Basketball Association to have the rules of the game interpreted consistently by officials of all leagues may result in the formation of an officials' association.

Prediction came from Rap Ree director Neil Ross Thursday that such a development is likely to result from a meeting of league officials which has been called for Friday night.

One of the burdens borne by the Association in recent months has been the variance of interpretations of the standard game rules placed by timekeepers and referees in the various leagues.

"The Association has called a meeting of timekeepers and referees for Friday night in order to co-ordinate these interpretations of the rules so that they will be similar in all leagues," he said. "The suggestion has been made that the officials meet periodically to get the same slant on the rule book. This probably will result in the organization of an officials' association."

SCHEDULE FOR LADIES "B" BOWLS

Section B

January 23 — Whirlwinds vs. Bankers, Dockettes vs. Revenuers, Watts & Nickerson vs. Peoples, W.P.T.B. vs. Atlin; Co-op vs. Khatadas.

January 30 — Dockettes vs. Peoples, Watts & Nickerson vs. Bankers; W.P.T.B. vs. Co-op; Atlin vs. Khatadas; Whirlwinds vs. Revenuers.

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By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The men divided the money between themselves."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "dirigible?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Haze, blaze, amaze, phaze.

Answers

1. Say, "among" when referring to more than two. 2. Pronounce dir-i-j-i-bl, all i's as in "it" and accent first syllable, not dir-i-j-i-bl with accent on second syllable. 3. Phase. 4. A centre of attraction or attention. "He was the cynosure of all eyes."

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