

BASKETBALL—

Rainmakers Score Thrilling Victory Over Savoys, 48 to 44

Was One of Most Thrilling Encounters of Season
Greenville Teams Featured On Saturday
Send-off Cars

The Bo-Me-Hi Rainmakers were given a gala send-off on Saturday night at the Civic Centre when over 500 good wishers and sport fans were on hand to wish bon voyage to the Rainmakers and, not to be outdone by their many fans, the Rainmakers came through by taking a 48 to 44 win from their arch

rival Savoys in a thrilling Senior "A" league game. It marked the students' second straight win over the hotelmen and plants them firmly on top of the league as they leave for the south to attend the Provincial Invitational Tournament being held in New Westminster this coming week-end, March 7 and 8. Savoy and High School put on one of the best shows of the season when they went onto the floor. Just before the game got under way the Mayor of Prince Rupert, Mrs. Nora Arnold, gave the lads her best wishes for a prosperous trip. Then G. A. Hunter, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, extended the good wishes of that organization to the boys.

The game got off to a quick start with neither squad showing any mercy for their rivals. Savoy took the jump on the students to open the scoring but quickly the Rainmakers came roaring back and jumped into the lead just before the end of the first quarter, 16-8. Savoy came fighting back in the second frame determined not to let a repetition of Tuesday night's disaster come about again. But still the students marched on. Squeezing a few more points from Savoy the Rainmakers increased their lead and ended up the half out in front, 30-23.

The second half was a ding-dong affair with Savoy really trying to get into the winning side. But, although they came within four points of the students, the third frame closed up at 42-36. The last frame completely overshadowed the rest of the game for thrills, excitement, fast end to end play and dazzling shots. Savoy fought right up to within two points of the Rainmakers and, with still a minute and a half left to go, they elected to take a free throw on the side and try for two points. Their attempt failed but almost immediately they were given another free throw and again they took it on the side. High School fought desperately to stop their rivals' efforts to tie the game up. But again Savoy were stopped and then suddenly Ciccone of the Rainmakers broke loose on a quick pass from Hartwig and Forman and dropped in a basket to put the students four points ahead. Just as Savoy were gathering their strength for another rush at the students, the buzzer sounded to end the tussle.

Thompson of the Rainmakers occupied the limelight in the scoring dropping in 15 points but he was given a stiff run by Rup Holkestad of Savoy who netted 14 points. The game was as close as any this season but Johnny Comadina and Jack Lindsay on the whistles had an easy time, only having to dish out 25 personal fouls, 11 to the Rainmakers and 14 to Savoy. Savoy—D. Arney, T. Arney 9, Murray 6, M. Holkestad 7, R. Holkestad 14, Morgan 8, Haugan, Total 44. Rainmakers—Lavigne 4, Hartwig 8, Thomson 15, Ciccone 10, Forman 5, Skog, Platen 6, Davidson, Intermela, Total 48.

PACKERS WIN OVER GREENVILLE
B.C. Packers climbed into the win column by taking the measure of the visiting Greenville Whippets 48-33 in the semi-final to the Savoy-Hi School main event. Sev Dominato led off for the winners with 19 points and he was given good support by the rest of his team. But the visitors only had three players getting into the score sheet. The feel of being out in front must have seemed wonderful to the Packers for they took the lead early in the first quarter and kept increasing it from there on. At the end of the first quarter it was Packers on top, 18-11. The second frame was slower than the first with Dominato beating the backboard for 7 points. Greenville dropped a little farther back by the end of the first half with the score standing 28-16.

After the half the game was even slower while the Packers seemed to be conserving their energy for what they thought would be a tough last frame. The score in this period crept up a few points with the Packers still moving in the lead, 36-22. Greenville came fighting back in the fourth frame and the locals had to keep moving to maintain the lead. But it was too late for the visitors to catch up and the Packers moved into their first win in the last three months. Quite possibly it will mark a change in their standing in the city league.

A. Robinson and T. McKay comprised the powerhouse for the Whippets as they chalked up 16 and 15 points apiece. B.C. Packers—Calderone 6, Dominato 19, Houston 1, Gurvich 8, Brown 4, White 3, Ciccone 6, Bird, Mazzone 1. Total 48. Greenville—T. McKay 15, C. Calder 2, W. McKay, A. Robinson 16, P. McKay, J. Martin, H. Calder, C. Moore, Total 33.

What's Doing in the World of Sport

WAR ASSETS FIVE-PIN STANDINGS



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Redivers	14	10	14
Gulls	14	10	14
Wasps	14	10	14
Spitfires	13	11	13
Wingdingers	13	11	13
Mosquitoes	12	12	12
Sharpshooters	11	13	11
Chickens	5	19	5

the last period put the game on ice for the uptown boys. The Port Edward squad dropped two points further down into the cellar of the Senior "B" league. Macey's played with only six players as two of the reserve line are out with injuries. Boo Gill has a sore hand and E. Pierce still suffers from an injury incurred two weeks ago by his leg. But the way Macey's have been playing lately they are taking as long as they want before resuming their duties with the team but both players will be back in the line-up in the not too distant future. Macey's—Menzies 6, Haugan 18, Pierce 4, Arnesen 11, James, Teng, Total 39. Port Edward—Clayton 4, Hadden 4, Stevens, Gurney 18, Barton 2, MacNeil, Leeson, Stewart, Morgan, Angus 3, T. Stevens, Total 31.

GREENVILLE BEATS LOCAL JUNIORS
In the junior tilt on Saturday night, the visiting Greenville Five Roses handed Watis and Nickerson a 33-25 set-back. In a fast but clean ball game both squads were neck and neck almost until the final whistle, Greenville putting on a furious closing quarter drive that snatched the lead. The Five Roses had a hard time getting used to the floor in the opening quarter of the match and were trailing 9-6 at the end of the frame. In the second quarter they came roaring back and copied a one-point lead to close out the half out in front, 17-16. The second half of the game

BO-ME-HI's FAREWELLED

Mayor, Commerce Chamber President and School Head Take Part

Incidental to Saturday night's basketball program at the Civic Centre was a ceremony of official farewell to the Bo-Me-Hi Rainmakers' Senior League basketball team prior to their departure for New Westminster to take part in an invitational tournament to determine the high school basketball championship of British Columbia. The team leaves tomorrow afternoon on the Coquitlam for the south.

Art Murray, president of the Prince Rupert Basketball Association, acted as master of ceremonies for the farewell which took place in the centre of the gymnasium floor where the team lined up. Speaking briefly and appropriately to the occasion were Mayor N. E. Arnold, G. A. Hunter, president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, and W. W. C. O'Neill, principal of Booth Memorial School. Captain Eddie Ciccone briefly acknowledged the good wishes which were extended.

As Principal O'Neill walked up to the microphone the gym was in an uproar as parents and students alike gave him a rousing cheer. Mr. O'Neill thanked the citizens of Prince Rupert for the generous support of the students who are about to represent in the south.

Art Murray spoke briefly on behalf of the Civic Centre committee. Ed Ciccone thanked the high school supporters and added a few words of hope—hope that they will do Rupert proud in the south.

MEMBERS OF TEAM
Members of the Booth Memorial High School basketball team who are leaving Tuesday to take part in the invitational high school basketball tournament at New Westminster on Friday and Saturday are Coach Alex Bill, Manager Boyo Gurvich, and players Mel Thompson, Reg Lavigne, Don Hartwig, Jim Forman, Eddie Ciccone, Jim Platen, Bill Davidson, Ole Skog and Jim Intermela.

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GIRL ATHLETES NAME OFFICERS

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- Vice-President—Mrs. Simon McKay.
- Directors—Mrs. Fred McKay, Mrs. William Bright, Mrs. William Azak, Mrs. Johnson Russ, Mrs. Jonah Grey, Mrs. Herbert Martin.
- Treasurer—Mrs. Albert Moore.
- Decorations Committee—Mrs. Stephen Wilson, Mrs. Belinda McKay.
- Candy Sale Committee—Mrs. Mildred Alexander, Mrs. Gertie McKay.
- Softball Captains—Miss Dora McNeill, Mrs. Abraham Davis.
- Song Teacher—Mrs. Simon Calder.

Following the business meeting an entertainment was provided by members of the guild.

SHORT SPORT

For the eighth time, Glen Cunningham bettered the 4:10 mark for running the mile when he set his fastest time by setting a mark of 4:04.4 at Hanover, N. H., nine years ago today. Cunningham was 27 at the time of the run.

Lou E. Marsi, famous sports editor and columnist of the Toronto Daily Star, died 11 years ago after a brief illness. He was noted as a boxing and hockey referee as well as a sports authority. Charles Ring, Toronto sportsman, donated a trophy in memory of Marsi for annual award to Canada's "outstanding sports competitor."

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