

BASKETBALL—

Brownwoods Win To Threaten Supremacy Of Faltering Co-Ops

Brownwoods are now nudging Co-ops for top spot in the Senior Basketball League as a result of their brilliant victory over the league-leaders on Saturday night at the Civic Centre by a 62-to-58 score. The shoemen seem to have broken their early season jinx as they won a gruelling contest strictly the hard

way. They were without the services of high scorer Ray Spring, away in Ketchikan with the High School team. They lost Pierce at the first half after he was accidentally jabbed in the eye by Don MacDonald. The last nine minutes were played without a substitute available on the Brownwoods bench and in the final minute they lost Sunberg at the 11 second mark when he made his fifth foul of the evening, having to complete the game with four players.

Glen Carlson played heads-up ball all evening for the winners and, before leaving the game with five fouls in the first minute of the final quarter, he potted 17 points—10 from rebounds and seven on some fine free shooting. He was well supported

by Lavigne, who scored 15 and was a driving force all the way, and by Don Hartwig, who didn't make a big dent in the score column but certainly led his team to victory by his heady ball, Olson and Sunberg scored 11 and nine, respectively, and, all in all, it added up to a great victory for Alex Bill's proteges.

Mickey Webster played his best game of the year to rack up the top score of the game with 18 points. His deceptive play and coolness is something to watch. Don Scherk had another big night with 14 points scored. Joe Davis couldn't get going and, accidentally, batted a basket in for the opposing team on a scramble for the rebound. This, along with poor

shooting from the free throw spot, just about cost the Co-ops any chance they had for a victory.

Brownwoods can tie it all up with Co-ops if they can beat the unpredictable Gordon & Anderson team tomorrow night. But that remains to be seen as the G. & A.'s are smarting under their recent defeats and should be just about angry enough to come through with a win.

JUNIOR

Prince Rupert Hotel moved into top place in the Junior League over High School who were idle for the evening. The hotel boys played smart ball and his cut out a lot of their rough tactics. They had an easy win over Cooks after they started to roll in the first quarter although Cooks looked as though they might make a contest of it in the third quarter which they took by an 8-to-5 score. The final score was 37 to 24. The hotel boys were leading in the top-scoring honors, McKay getting an even dozen, followed by McFarlane with nine and Sankey with eight. Don Findlay was top man for Cooks, scoring eight.

JUNIOR

Rupert Hotel—McFarlane 9, McIntosh 2, Smith 4, Stacey, Parnell, Sankey 8, McKay 12, Helin 2, Leighton. Total—37.

Cook Jewellers—Stewart 2, Erikson 5, Hodgkinson 6, Jeffrey 3, E. Findlay, Sedgewick, D. Findlay 8, Black, Wing. Total—24.

Referees—Mathews and Smith.

SENIOR

Co-Op—Holkestad, Morgan 9, MacDonald 3, S. Scherk 7, Ar-

ney 5, Webster 18, D. Scherk 14, Davis 2, Beynon. Total—58.

Brownwoods—Sunberg 9, Carlson 17, Olson 11, Thompson 6, Lavigne 15, Hartwig 2, Pierce, Team 2, Total—62.

Referees—Comadina and Davidson.

The league standings:

Senior—

	W.	L.	Pct.
Co-op	6	3	.666
Brownwoods	5	3	.625
G. & A.	1	6	.143

Intermediate—

Hi-Gold	6	0	1.000
Fashion	5	1	.833
Hi-Green	3	3	.500
Merchants	1	5	.166
Thunderbirds	0	6	.000

Junior—

Rupert Hotel	6	1	.857
High School	5	1	.833
Cooks	1	5	.166
Mansons	0	5	.000

25 Years Ago

December 18, 1925

The first passenger train to get through since the C.N.R. line between here and Pacific was inundated with slides and washouts two weeks ago arrived at 8:15 this morning.

It was announced this morning by Miss Jean Harrison R.N., lady superintendent of Prince Rupert General Hospital, that Miss Janet Lee had been successful in passing her registered nurses' examination which she wrote recently.

Plans of A. A. Cox, Vancouver architect, for St. Paul's Lutheran Church building on Fifth Avenue and McBride Street have been accepted locally.

10 Years Ago

December 18, 1940

The Senior and Junior Dramatic Societies of Booth Memorial School staged three excellent Christmas plays at the auditorium of the school last night.

The Irish Fusiliers rifle range is now practically completed and will be used daily. As there was no approved range in Prince Rupert, Commanding Officer Lieut. Col. J. N. Burnett arranged for a grant to cover cost of material and the Irish Fusiliers built the range.

Olof Hanson, M.P. for Skeena, arrived on last night's train from the interior and will sail on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver to spend Christmas with his family.

BIG TANKER

STOCKHOLM—The largest tanker ever built in Sweden, the 15,795 ton "Tank Emperor" was recently launched at Malmo. Built for the Norway Herlodson Line, the vessel is 606 feet long and has latest radar equipment.

MORE PRISONERS

MAIDSTONE, Kent, Eng.—The latest acquisition in the hospital section of Maidstone Jail should be some consolation for philosophical prisoners. It's an aquarium.

News Classifieds Make Sales.

AUCTION SALE

Timber Sale X51955
There will be offered for sale at Public Auction, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, January 23rd, 1951, in the office of the District Forester, Prince Rupert, B.C., the Licence X51955, to cut 6,075,000 f.b.m. of standing and felled Spruce, Cedar, Hemlock and Balsam on an area comprising of part of surveyed timber licence 8016p, Exstev Station, Range 5, Coast Land District.

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Blackwood On Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

Well, this is test day. How good are you on bridge Humanities by this time? In answering the questions which follow you will have to consider not only the cards you hold but also the people with whom you are playing.

The answers are right at the bottom of the

column, so cover up that part until you have figured out your own solutions.

1. You are South, playing against a couple of pretty good players. Partner has bid one heart, second hand has passed and you hold:

S—Q 9 6 D—A J 7 5
H—J 10 6 4 C—K 8

What do you do if your partner is: a. Miss Brash; b. Mr. Champion; c. Mr. Muzzy; d. Mr. Meek.

2. You are South and your partner is Mr. Dale. You are vulnerable and opponents are not. The bidding has gone:

West North East South
Pass 1H 3S ?

You hold:

S—A Q 8 D—A 8 7 3
H—9 8 2 C—J 7 4

What do you bid if East is: a. Mr. Masters; b. Miss Brash; c. Mr. Meek.

3. You are South, not vulnerable. You open with one diamond. West passes, partner bids two clubs and East passes. You hold:

S—A 8 4 A K 9 6
H—Q 8 3 C—J 9 7

What do you bid if your partner is: a. Mr. Muzzy; b. Mr. Champion; c. Mr. Meek.

Here are the answers to today's quiz:

1. (a) Better bid just two hearts. It's an underbid but you can count on Miss Brash to bid again on the barest kind of a hand. Any stronger bid from you might end up in an unmakeable slam.

(b) Bid two diamonds planning to help hearts on the next round.

(c) Try two no trump. An overbid, but worth it if you can get to play the hand yourself.

(d) Three hearts is perfectly safe. No chance of Mr. Meek getting too high.

2. (a) I would try three no trump. Mr. Masters is trying to talk me out of something. I probably can't set him over a trick or two and three no trump be a fair chance for the no trump game.

(b) DOUBLE! Miss Brash may be out there with practically nothing. You have a good partner in Mr. Dale. Keep the rubber going. You may get Miss Brash for several more nice sets before it's over.

(c) Pass. Mr. Meek can probably make three spades in his own hand. When he gets that high all by himself he's got a rockcrusher.

3. (a) Two no trump. Pretty strong bidding for this hand but

it looks it might end up in no trump and you'd better bid it before Mr. Muzzy does.

(b) In spite of the four card suit I recommend bidding two diamonds. Any other bid would mislead Mr. Champion as to the general strength of your hand. This bid announces a minimum and if the partner can't bid again you will have no game.

(c) Bid two no trump—not to get the play this time but to urge Mr. Meek toward game. Two no trump should be safe and if Mr. Meek sees fit to bid three, I'll give you ten to one it's a laydown.

Sport Shots

Pity poor Ben Baker, the 10-year-old wizard of Britain's bowling greens. The boy is so good they won't let him play any more. Blushing bowlers formally decided that Ben must not play in bowls competitions until he is 17 and wears long trousers. "The sight of a little boy in short pants beating grown men has caused a lot of ribaldry among spectators," George Goodacre, president, told a meeting of the Notts County Bowling Association. Ben, who lives in Nottingham, partnered his father in last year's competition. They went to the quarter-finals, beating men old enough to be the boy's grandfather. This year Ben is hotter than ever.

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With piano accompaniment by Mrs. Jean De Carlo, vocals were sung by Mrs. Peggy Andrew, Earl Squires, Mrs. B. Karashoski, Mrs. George Ciccone, Jimmie Ciccone and John Botsford.

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