

Blackwood On Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

The following morning do you think of the clever reply you might have made the night before—but couldn't think of it at the time? A lot of the bridge hands you read about in the papers are just like that.

The experts didn't make the play described, but thought it up afterwards. A few days later you read

about the hand, but the bridge writer has had time to get his story straightened out and he says he did really make the brilliant play.

I want to show you a few hands as they were actually played by expert and near-expert players. Some of them are so terrible you will find them hard to believe, especially if you are inclined to be awed by the stories the experts tell about themselves.

Neither side vulnerable.
North dealer.

North
(Mr. Champion)
S-A K 9 8 7
H-J 9 5 4
D-2
C-K 8 7

West
(Mr. Abel)
S-Q 7 6
H-A Q 8 2
D-Q 10 8 7 3
C-4

East
(Mr. Meek)
S-10 4 3 2
H-10 6 3
D-A K 6
C-6 5 2

South (Mr. Dale)
S-5
H-K 7
D-J 9 5 4
C-A Q J 10 9 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1 S Pass 2 C
2 S Pass 3 NT Pass
3 C Pass 4 NT Pass

Note the bidding on today's hand. When Mr. Dale doubled

two diamonds, his partner, Mr. Champion, didn't like any part of it. He had shown a minimum opening bid by his pass on the second round of bidding. Now he showed further weakness by running from two diamonds doubled to three clubs. Mr. Dale took a flier and bid three no trump.

Had Mr. Meek doubled this bid, Mr. Dale would probably have jumped out into four clubs—but quick. The double would have asked West to lead his diamond suit. And if he had, the defense could have quickly won five diamond tricks and the ace of hearts for a two trick suit.

But Mr. Meek didn't double and Mr. Abel, after some thought, led the deuce of hearts. This is the only lead that gives Mr. Dale nine tricks on the hand. He won a heart, six clubs and the two top spades, conceding the rest.

Pretty bad, eh? Why do good bridge players play like this? Maybe they get tired. Maybe their minds wander. Here's a thought... maybe they're human. I'll bet that's it. Anyway, experts do err. They are in the expert class because they don't err as often as you do.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL UPSETS—

Co-Ops Are Toppled By Gordon and Anderson

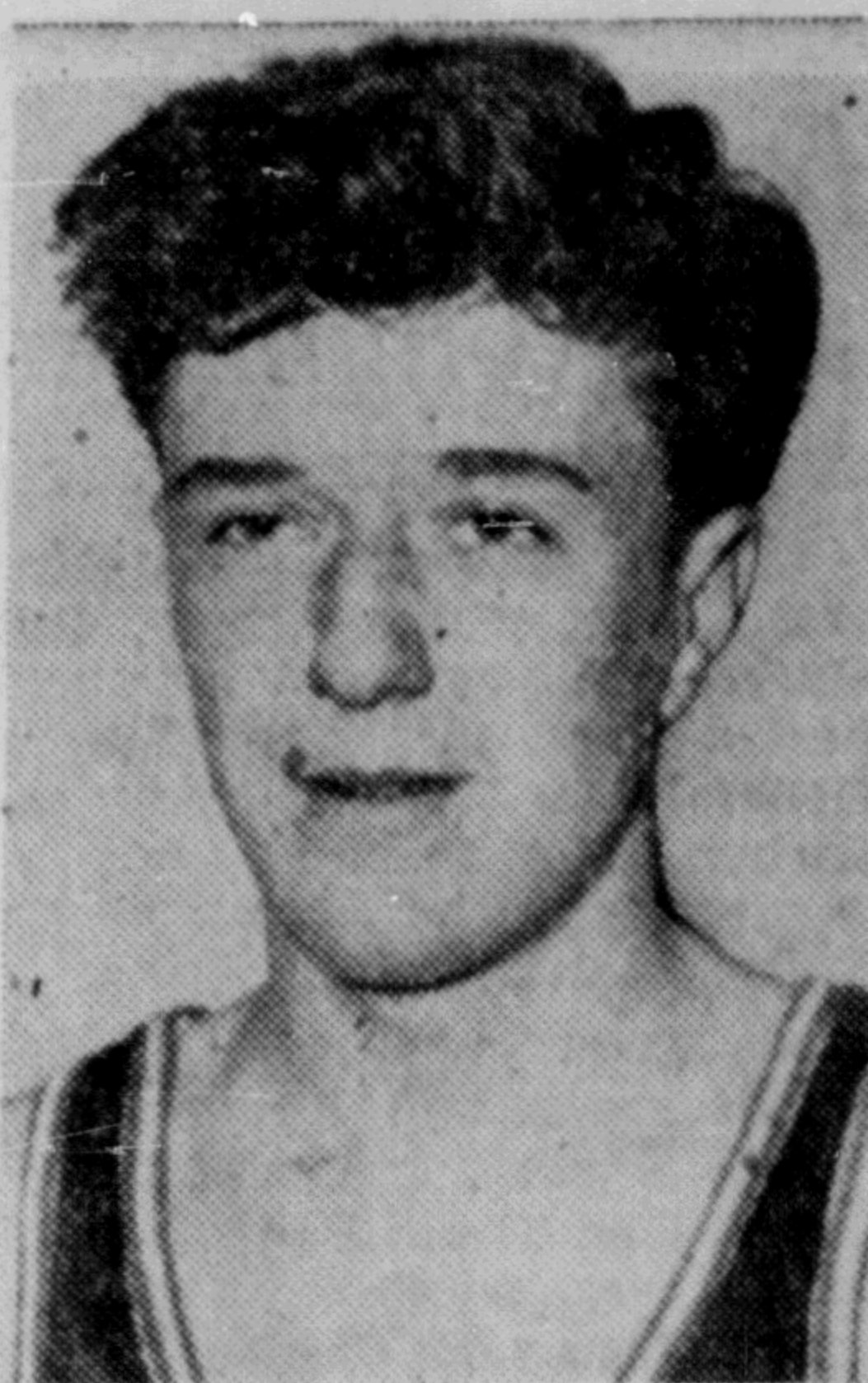
High School Downs Fashion Footwear in Close Intermediate Leaguer

The Co-op, who has dominated the Senior Basketball League roost for the past three years or more, were toppled from their lofty perch by the league underdogs, Gordon and Anderson, with a tidy 50-to-45 win Saturday night. It was no fluke win either, as Gordon and Anderson grabbed the lead early in the

work under the basket where he snagged rebounds galore. It was strictly a team effort that won with every player hustling all the way. Smith, Marshall and Dumas, just up from Intermediate ranks, played excellent ball. Bob Gill, although he missed several shots, was a regular workhorse, effective in the key, and scoring six points. Les Mathews, teacher at the High School, is another new find, not quite used to the team style as yet but speedy and a fine ball handler. It was a good team, playing excellent ball—Currie, Ciccone, all of them.

Co-ops were not giving anything away. They played good steady ball. Don Scherk with 13, Beynon with 7 and Morgan with 6, all were working as hard as ever. Joe Davis was just as smooth and just as tricky, and made 8 big points. Webster looks better every game. Sid Scherk was held to one lone point, made on a technical in the first period. He wasn't as effective as usual, getting three fouls in the first quarter which made him wary, and possibly cut down his effectiveness. Co-ops took their loss philosophically and to put it in the words of Beynon: "Oh well, the Canadian champion Cloverleafs were beaten by the U.B.C. Chiefs last year."

INTERMEDIATE
It was a night for upsets. In the Intermediate League, Fashion Footwear, who have lost very few games in the past, found themselves up against a smooth-working High Gold team which grabbed a big lead in the first quarter and held right on to win 34 to 32. It was the students' came until the final half, when Fashion outpointed them in both quarters but not enough to overcome the early lead. Unfortunately, there was considerable friction shown, with players from both teams causing a bit of a squabble after the game, which will likely bring some severe reprimands at Wednesday's meeting of the basketball executive, if not a game suspension.



SPARKED WINNERS

... Jim Flaten

For the winners, Dick Nickerson again looked like a comer. He scored 6 and played very smart ball. Kristmanson, with last year's senior experience under his belt, played a good game in the pivot spot. Letourneau will be senior material in another year or two. Ratchford and McChesney were in working every minute and added plenty of hustle and pep to the proceedings. It was a good game; plenty of excitement, a neck and neck finish but marred by unsportsmanship after it was all over.

JUNIOR
The Junior game was a dandy. Manson's put up a great fight for the first three periods which ended with them trailing by a single point. In the final period Rupert Hotel walked away with the game, outscoring in this stanza 22 to 3 and taking the game 22 to 15. The game was exceptionally clean, only 5 personal fouls called on each team. There was good team play and excellent coaching.

SENIOR
Rupert Hotel—McFarlane, McIntosh 2, Smith 5, Stacey, Parion 2, Sankey 6, McKay 7, Helin, Donaldson, Total—22.
Mansons—Anderson 2, Antrobus, Davidson 4, Webster, Pedersen, MacKenzie 1, Quast, Scherk 4, Feness 4, Total—15.
Referees—Forward and Spring.

INTERMEDIATE
Fashion—Haugen 5, Bill 6, Anderson, Hebb 2, Internela 9, Hill 10, Walsh, Olson, Total—32.
High School Gold—McChesney 4, Ratchford 4, Tait, Kristmanson 8, Letourneau 4, Nickerson 6, Morrison 2, Young Blackaby 6, Sharpe, Total—34.
Referees—Spring and Davidson.

SENIOR
Co-op—Morgan 6, MacDonald 2, S. Scherk 1, Arney 3, Webster 5, D. Scherk 13, Davis 8, Beynon 7, Total—45.
Gordon & Anderson—Ciccone 2, Dumas 2, Marshall 6, Holkestad 8, Gill 4, Currie 4, Flaten 16, Smith 4, Matthews 4, Total—50.
Referees—Comadina and Dominato.

League standings:
Junior—
High School 2 0 1000
Rupert Hotel 2 1 .666
Cooks 1 1 .500
Mansons 0 3 .000
Intermediate—
Hi Gold 3 0 1000
Fashion 2 1 .666
Hi Green 1 1 .500
Thunderbirds 0 2 .000
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Fine Show Of Bowling

Fashion Footwear provided a fine exhibition of both team and individual bowling last week-end although their 3 to 1 victory over Bulger's only leaves them with a close one-point lead in the place of Group One over runner-up team, Shenton Sheet Metal, which easily overcame Social Welfare 4-0.

Fashion Footwear's game score of 1326, 1225, 1382 established a new season three game total of 3933 which was about 400 pins over and above the last record mark. Also their third game total of 1382 is a new single game team score record.

High scorers for the evening were A. Pierce of Fashion Footwear with both the high ladies' total of 339 and high ladies three game total of 753.

High men's single was made by H. Price of Bulger's with 307 and the high three game total for men was rolled by G. Paul of Fashion Footwear with 735.

Team results were as follows: Shenton Sheet Metal 4, Social Welfare 0.
Fashion Footwear 3, Bulger's 1.
Trib Printing 4, Booth School 0.
Miller Bay 3, Ideal Cleaners 1.
Cremation 3, P.R. Plumbing 1.
Wallaces 2, Penguin Hobby 2.
Cox's Jewellers 4, Great West 0.

Snub's Furs 4, Cantels 0.
Blow-Outs 4, Bank of Montreal 0.
Headliners 3, Cloverleafs 1.
Buckley Market 3, Pushovers 1.
Cremation 2, Sons of Norway 1.

Standings:
Group 1
Fashion Footwear 30
Shenton Sheet 30
Miller Bay Hosp. 26
Bulger's 22
Booth School 20
Wallaces Dept. 22
Trib Printing 22
Overseas 21
P.R. Plumbing 19
Penguin Hobby 15
Cox's Jewellers 12
Ideal Cleaners 7

Group 2
Pushovers 21
Blow-Outs 21
Headliners 22
Great West Life 22
Cox's Jewellers 21
Buckley Market 21
Cantels 20
Cloverleafs 19
Conrads 17
Sons of Norway 14
Bank of Montreal 12
Snub's Furs 12

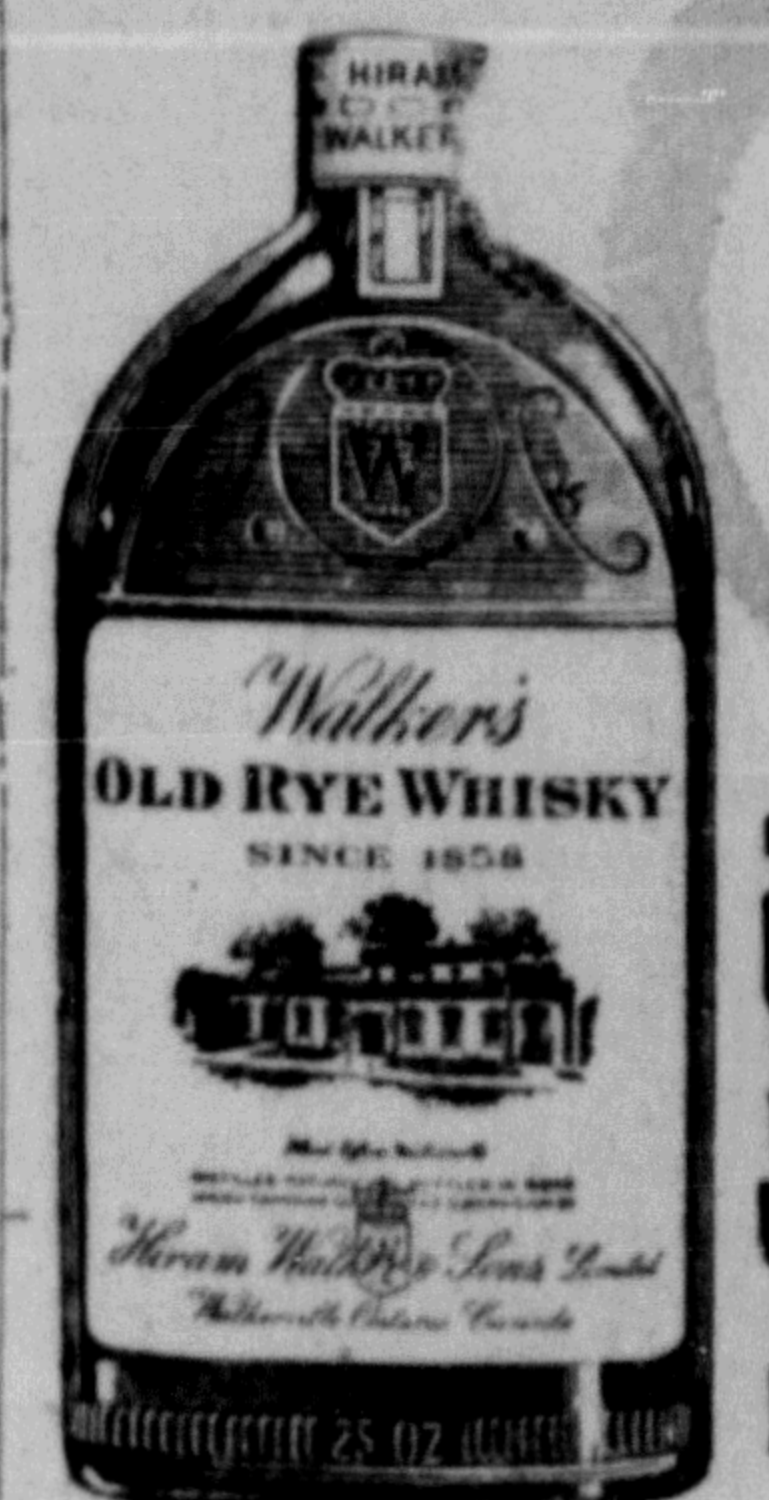
The funeral of Harry Davies, C.D.P. agent here who died from a heart attack in Prince Rupert, took place in Victoria today.

Kayhi Cagers Ready For Rupert Series

KETCHIKAN.—With 14 boys working out regularly on his first string quintet, Coach Ray Bassett of the Kayhi basketball team plans to invade Prince Rupert in the first interscholastic cage clashes of the season December 1 and 2.

Bassett, who took over basketball coaching from Ed Hollister this winter, inherited but two regulars from a year ago—Jim Tucker and Norman Nelson, forwards. But some promising material is on hand and stiff competition is under way.

Giving the veterans a tough race are Frank Murkowski, Gary Emard, Tom Housholder, Rodney Rich, Don Slater, Dick



A tip for the Weekend
HIRAM WALKER Old Ry

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