

SPORTS

BASKETBALL—

Co-ops Entrenched With Senior League Victory

But Gordon and Anderson Put Up Good Showing—Good Intermediate and Junior League Games

Co-ops are firmly entrenched in first place in the Senior Basketball League after their decisive 51-to-41 victory over Gordon and Anderson in last night's basketball wars. It was a dull game with the winner never in doubt after the first quarter, which was won by Gordon and Anderson by a one-point 12-to-11 margin.

In the second period Co-ops got rolling to outscore 16 to 5 and repeated again in the third, 15 to 8. The fourth quarter was decidedly Gordon and Anderson's as they seemed to take on more confidence in themselves, winning the frame 16 to 9.

Don Scherk played sterling ball for Co-op, getting twelve points, some from seemingly impossible angles. Arney was more like the Arney of old as he swished the hoop for eight. Joe Davis was a tower of strength under the basket where he had control of the rebounds a good deal of the time. Young Mickey Webster showed up well for the winners. His shooting was good and his deceptive fake was a pleasure to see.

For Gordon and Anderson, Harold Marshall looked like the senior find of the season. This young player has a good ten years of basketball ahead of him and, if last night is a pattern, he will be a dandy. Bob Gill scored ten points and has more confidence than formerly. Continued good coaching will make him one of the best rebound men in the league. This team seemed to have more speed and showed better team play but they were over-anxious, miffing shot after

shot. They should soon be winning regularly over either team in the league. Last night they showed that they were young, speedy, well-coached and they had flashes of determination. A few weeks of seasoning will provide a different story.

The game was clean and well controlled by Referees Comadina and Dominato. Players took the referees' decisions without question, and the villains of Saturday all acquitted themselves like perfect gentlemen, even to the satisfaction of Sony Beynon, who asked if he was a gentleman or villain after last night's game.

Intermediate

There were two intermediate games. High Gold took an easy one from Thunderbirds by 56 to 18 score and Fashion won over High Green in an exciting 25 to 20 game that had the fans screaming for the Greens to win. The Fashion team stalled the ball for 4 minutes in the final period when they had a slim two point lead and the crowd didn't like it a bit. The students had plenty of fans in the stands, complete with cheer leaders and, if yelling could have won the game, it would have been theirs. The

Thunderbirds were without a coach against the more experienced High Golds. The Golds would have won anyway but coaching would have helped the Thunderbirds chance a great deal. The Golds played top-notch ball, with passing, checking, and shooting all of high calibre. Bud Ratford was sensational, scoring 24 points, and only missing two shots all evening. Dick Nickerson also had a two miss record, which is just about the absolute tops in shooting. Jeffries for Thunderbirds was their high scorer with six points.

Junior

Hi Juniors outclassed Mansons in the opener to win by a lop-sided 37 to 17. The game was very clean with only twelve fouls recorded. McAfee and Matthews, with 7. Christenson with 9, and Blackaby with 8, led the High School scoring parade. Webber was a standout for Mansons, playing nice ball and scoring eight. These Juniors are good to watch. Better attendance would encourage the youngsters.

Senior

Gordon & Anderson—Holkestad 4, Platen 3, Dumas, Marshall 7, Smith 1, Ciccone 7, Boulter, Currie 9, Gill 10. Total 41.
Co-op—D. Scherk 12, Webster 10, Arney 8, S. Scherk 6, Beynon 2, Davis 11, MacDonald 2, M. Holkestad, Wellens. Total 51.

Intermediate

Hi Gold—Kristmanson 4, Young 6, Letourneau 2, Ratford 24, McChesney 7, Simonson 4, Blackaby, Tait 2, Nickerson 3, Morrison 2. Total 55.
Thunderbirds—Helin 2, Hughes 1, Ryan 2, Sankey 5, Jeffries 6, White, Helin, Wells 2, Total 18.
Hi Green—Shepherd 2, Webber 1, Ford 4, Blackaby 5, Rhodes, Becker, Clarke. Total 20.
Fashion—Hill 4, Intermela 5, Haugan 5, Bill 5, Anderson 2, Walsh, Hebb 4. Total 25.

Junior

Mansons—Anderson 2, Antrobus, Davidson 5, Webber 8, Pedersen, Mackenzie, Quast, Scherk, Giordano, scored by opponents 2. Total 17.
High Jr.—Martin, McAfee 7, Ciccone 4, Matthews 7, Kristmanson 2, Christensen 9, Blackaby 8, Menaes. Total 37.

Sport Shots

A couple of aggressive young fighters with the armament and know-how of crowd-pleasing champions, have flashed into Britain's fistic limelight. They have aroused hopes that the long, lean years in the drive for international laurels are nearing an end. The lads are Don Cockell, who recently fought his way to the British light-heavyweight title, left vacant by retirement of Freddie Mills, and dusky Randolph Turpin, the new middle-weight champion. Both are only 22 years old, but already can lay claim to an imposing record of victories. Turpin, crafty ring-general and two-fister mauler, has won 30 of his 33 fights, 22 of them via the knockout route.

In his climb, Cockell, former Battersea blacksmith, also has set a withering pace. But it was his recent 14-round triumph over the rugged Mark Hart, of Croydon, in the title test, that won him the plaudits of the fight fans. They cheered not only the convincing way he disposed of his tough opponent, but his gallant victory over a personal handicap. For only three weeks before the fight Don was in hospital, a victim of arthritis which caused his fingers to swell to twice their normal size.

"I wanted to cancel the fight," said his manager, John Simpson, "but Don wouldn't hear of it. His mental concentration and resolve are so strong that he left his bed and began training for his title contest. You know the rest."

Cockell is expected to make an appearance in defence of his crown at Earls Court arena Nov. 14. His opponent is almost certain to be a continental contender. Later Cockell will seek a crack at the European light-heavyweight crown. Failing that, the British Boxing Board of Control will be asked to nominate an opponent for the Empire championship.

Meanwhile, promoter Jack Solomons has lost no time lining up another title-go for "Thunderbolt" Turpin. He hopes to match him against the Frenchman, Robert Villemain for a London bout in December for the vacant European middleweight title. Announcement of this brought a squawk from Albert Finch, KO'd by Turpin in the fifth round of their recent championship fight. He had been clamoring for an overweight return match with his conqueror. That's what Finch did after winning the title from Randolph's elder brother, Dick, last April. But Finch will have to wait. Solomons believes he has

Blackwood On Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

Here is another situation where you can save a lot of points by using that magic little word—Pass. I refer to the case where your right hand opponent has opened the bidding with one of a suit, you have a pretty fair hand, but a considerable part of your strength is in the opponent's suit.

South dealer.
None vulnerable.
North (Mr. Abel)
S-8
H-K Q J 8
D-J 5
C-K 9 8 6 5 4

West (Mr. Muzzy)
S-A J 6 4
H-6
D-A 10 7 4
C-A Q 1 2

East (Mr. Meek)
S-10 9 8
H-10 9 5 4 3
D-9 8 2
C-10 7

The bidding:
South West North East
1 S Pass 2 H All pass
Pass Pass Pass Pass
Look at the West hand in this deal. It qualifies for a take-out double in high cards, but not in distribution and not in the element of safety. Remember you are forcing your partner to bid, possibly on a blank hand. And what do you think partner is going to bid? Hearts, of course. Seems like it's always that way—always your shortest suit.

Well, anyway, you can protect yourself by passing in situations of this kind. Mr. Muzzy held the West cards. He doubled for a take-out. Wouldn't you know it? When his partner's two heart bid came around to him he thought of bidding two no trump but finally decided that might be worse, and passed. When the two heart bid was doubled he saw no reason to change his mind.

Mr. Masters opened the jack of clubs, Mr. Meek played the queen from dummy and Mr. Abel

won with the king. A club was returned and Mr. Masters ruffed with the deuce of hearts. He led the king of diamonds, dummy's ace won and the six of hearts which held the trick. He laid down the jack of diamonds which won and then played another club which Mr. Masters ruffed with the ace of hearts. On this trick Mr. Meek discarded his last diamond.

Mr. Masters now led the queen of diamonds, North discarded the eight of spades and declarer ruffed. He came out with the ten of hearts and Mr. Abel won the king. He returned a club on which Mr. Meek discarded a spade. Dummy's ace won and the good ten of diamonds was led. North dropped a club and East a spade.

Now dummy had nothing left but spades. The ace was led and Mr. Abel trumped it with the eight of hearts and played the king of hearts for his side's last trick. Down three doubled.

Mr. Meek was not as humble as usual. "Nice take-out double, Muzzy," he said with fine sarcasm. "I piled up two tricks out of your hand."

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