

Hi-Boys Hand Dukers Second Loss in Row

Daily News Sports Editor

Booth Memorial High School Rainmakers flouted the percentages last night at the Civic Centre and handed the Duke of Connaugh High School team a 61-48 lacing that left the six-man Royal City squad confused and frustrated.

By all the odds the Dukers, former provincial champs, having sampled the small Civic Centre floor and only lost by four points to a hard-checking Prince Rupert team Monday night should have roared back last night, loaded for baskets. But the pattern never crystallized.

Jack Evans' Rainmakers got the jump on the visitors and had a 12-5 first quarter score to work on before the Dukers knew what had hit them. The Bo-Me-Hi lads, knowing how badly the Dukers wanted the equalizing game, really applied the pressure and never let their opponents get organized.

If the Dukers were upset in the first quarter they were lost in the second, only scoring two field goals and three free shots while Ron Ciccone, Freddy Kristman, his hook-shot working like a charm, and Dick Nickerson sank nine field goals and one free shot.

FOUND RANGE

Going into the third quarter on the bottom end of a 31-12 score, Dukers' Marvin Berg aided by Don Wallin, fought back tooth and nail. Berg coming out of the bucket spot began to sink his long shots from the side, collecting 9 points as the Dukers were edged 17-15 during the quarter.

Still battling back, Bob Hindmarsh's crew outscored the Rainmakers 21-13 in the final frame, as Evans put in his second string with the exception of Ciccone who was left on to set the pace for the others. At just under the three-minute mark Greig Forbes was fouled by Jack Rebagliati and was awarded one free shot which he took and sank. Play resumed and Ken Wallin and Berg sank two quick baskets. By this time Doug Sankey and Coach Evans were protesting loudly that Forbes should have been allowed two shots. Sankey continued to protest, despite being told by Umpire Ole Sitta that in high school basketball it is in the last two minutes that two shots are given automatically. When Sankey continued to fume he was banished from the game and three technical fouls were given Bo-Me-Hi.

Berg showed praiseworthy control in taking his three penalty shots. Under terrific pressure, booed and roared at by the crowd, he took his time and scored all three.

Bo-Me-Hi's first string then went into action. At the one minute 42-second mark Rod Tait fouled out after playing a sen-

sational game and received a well-earned ovation from the fair-sized crowd.

Others who received loud rounds of applause were Freddy Kristman who led Bo-Me-Hi scorers with 21 points, Dick Nickerson, Ron Ciccone and Bill Morrison, who at the 32-second mark of the last quarter rifled a floor-length pass to Kristman under the Dukers' basket, who scored. Morrison also stunned spectators, team-mates and Dukers alike at the 6-second of the third quarter, when knowing he had no time to pass or dribble aimed a shot for the basket from the middle of the floor and sank it.

For the Dukers, Berg scoring 18 points, was outstanding as was co-captain Jack Rebagliati who worked like a slave to add 16 points to his team's total. Don Wallin came to life in the third and fourth quarters and Harry Keen contributed 5.

Rainmakers scored 25 field goals to the Duke's 18 with the Prince Rupert boys netting 11 out of 24 free shots while the New Westminster crew made 22 free shots pay out of 33 chances. Rainmakers committed 20 fouls plus three technicals while Dukers were penalized 16 times. Ralph Clabby fouled out.

The Dukers who discarded their white uniforms after Monday's defeat because they had suffered all their previous losses in white (one out of 15) wore purple last night.

BULGERS, ORMES WIN

In a Junior Boys' League exhibition game last night Bulgers, led by F. Rowe with 13 points, defeated NBC Power 29-19. Landie paced the losers with 9 points.

In the exhibition game between junior teams Monday night, Ormes downed Sports Shop 27-20 to hand the sportsmen their first defeat of the season.

Lineups:
High School Exhibition
BO-ME-HI RAINMAKERS—Morrison 6, Ciccone 13, Nickerson 13, F. Kristman 21, Tait 6, Sankey, Forbes 1, Morrison, Black 1, McKay, Total 61.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT—Berg 18, D. Wallin 9, K. Wallin, Clabby, Rebagliati 10, Green 5, Total 48.

JUNIOR BOYS LEAGUE
NBC POWER—Way 2, Landie 9, Furnioutos, Kelsey 3, Desitialis, Hargrove, Wong 5, Total 19.

BULGERS—Rowe 13, J. Johnson 6, Lambie, Twaites 6, Halvorsen, F. Johnson 2, Thom 2, Watmough, Total 29.

ORMES—Leeman 8, Hewitt, Duncan 9, Snow, Leighton 6, Hodgkinson 1, Macintosh 4, Total 27.

SPORTS SHOP—Bowen 8, Laird 3, Olson, B. Wong 3, S. Wong 2, H. Mah, Currie, Fleming, Mitchell, Rensvold 4, Total 20.



BLONDE PATRICIA FIRTH, 18, U.S. Junior Ladies' Figure Skating champion and two-time Pacific Coast Senior Ladies' titlist, is a figure of perfect poise and charm as she demonstrates her blade artistry during a practice session in Tacoma. Pat, who is shooting for the Senior Ladies' crown at the Nationals in Los Angeles in March, follows a rigorous daily schedule that includes practicing seven hours a day, plus a modeling and charm school course "to fill in the few months when I'm not skating full time."

OUTDOORS With Marty —

Should you be one of the fortunate folk with some holiday time open right now, then the best suggestion is for a trip to Cloyah Creek, there are steelheads ready for an argument. Sizable grey cod are hitting white feathers or bucktail on a small lead at the Yacht Club, also on the float nearest the ice dock at Fairview Co-op plant, and flounders at both points are taking any fish or worm bait dragged slowly along the bottom; all fish in prime condition.

The fishing tackle stores are featuring a nine-foot glass two piece rod by Mortgage, sells under \$20 and is near perfection for steelhead and coho, works beautifully with light casting lures, would also serve with a spinning reel if a one-inch guide was installed between the reel and the ordinary one which is already built on. This stick is markedly similar to your columnist's favorite salt-water rod, which same stands up to punishingly heavy work including halibut and other bottom feeders.

A new and simple "automatic lead" shotgun sight is on the market, and it remains to be seen whether or not it will be permissible in this province, because it does some of the things which are done by the banned "Nydar" glass sight. This "Lead" sight is made to fit all types of shotguns, singles, doubles, over-and-under, and rifles too! In operation it is offset on either side of the barrel and the eyes look at the quarry through a frame, while the barrel is actually pointing ahead of the game and providing the necessary lead.

The sight is claimed to improve trapshooting as well, and works on the idea that so long as the object aimed at is in view over the sight bar, the amount of lead remains the same in a matter of inches or yards.

The famous Ashway line folk have produced a fly line in one of the new synthetics called "Daeron" and said line should answer many fervent pleas. It is of small diameter, high density, and great tensile strength, which adds up to a line which will get down deep, particularly with the more lightly dressed flies and nymphs that work so well down stairs. This line, being of small

diameter, offers less air and water resistance and its advantages are obvious, meaning longer straighter casts and easier pickup of a long line.

Those who failed to get all the things hoped for at Christmas have good news, for generally, glass rods are improved in type and quality yet lowered in price for 1954 due to the great demand built up in the past few years since their introduction.

If you are a new timer with a boat to care for this winter, do not make the mistake of using a linseed oil paint on the hull, this kind of paint is much enjoyed by various marine organisms, and keeps them well fed. Owners of larger craft should be sure that recent additions of electrical devices have not increased the rate of electrolytic action on metal fittings aboard, serious results might ensue and a check-up is in order.

Have you taken care of that rifle which is expected to do a job for you again next Fall, or is the barrel fouled up with corrosives from the last shot you fired? That's all for this year folks, and A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—The voice of Maury Waxman who, in turn, is the voice of Nino Valdez, the Cuban heavyweight, trembled with indignation as he discussed the possibility of Rocky Marciano making his next title defence against Danny Nardico in Miami Feb. 24.

Maury had just finished reading Rocky's own announcement that the match had been made. "What's happened," he said, breathing deeply, "if that Rocky let the cat out from the bag. Sure Well's denying it, but that's exactly what he's trying to do—sell the IBC on giving him and Rocky a nice payday against a fellow where his title couldn't possibly be in danger. It's the same thing Gene Tunney did when he fought old Tom Heeney.

"I happen to know the IBC doesn't want any part of it. They know they can't sell Nardico down there where he was outclassed by Joe Maxim. Anybody can beat Nardico. Only reason Well picks him is that he owes some old time favors to his manager, Lou Viscusi. They were partners once and Al would like to give Lou a payday."

SEEKS VALDES MATCH

The reason for Waxman's burn was, of course, readily apparent. He quit a soft job with matchmaker Chris Dundee down in Miami to help steel Valdez into an immediate match with Marciano.

"It says here," Waxman continued on a rising note, "that Well says who is Valdez and why should he give him a match? That's a lot of audacity if I ever heard it. Valdez is six

foot, two inches, and over 200 pounds and he has beat the daylights out of Ezzard Charles and knocked out Heinz Neuhaus, the champion of Europe."

"Why don't we want to fight Charles first? Why should we? We beat him once, good, and all he's done since then is to beat this punk kid Coley Wallace. We'll fight him again if we have to, but not for any peanuts."

ALWAYS AIM HIGH

Why, we inquired cautiously, wouldn't it be smart for Valdez to first whip Charles again, if it's such a cinch he can do so, thus getting himself a fat purse and at the same time placing Marciano in a position where he couldn't possibly dodge him?

"That's not how you figure in this business," Waxman said with fine restraint. "You've got to always look to get the big shot. You don't get in the big money unless you fight for the championship. We think our boy is ready right now to win the title, so why should we fool around with Charles or anybody else?"

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Sandford Sparks Bruin Win

By The Canadian Press

Six years ago Ed Sandford came into the National Hockey League touted as one of the game's most promising centres. Until this season, he never quite lived up to the advance billing.

There was nothing amateurish about Sandford Tuesday night as he led Boston Bruins to a 6-2 victory over the fifth-place New York Rangers with two goals and two assists.

It was the only game of the night and Sandford showed

12,482 fans at New York's Madison Square Garden that he probably is heading for his best season in the big time. The year-old centre put the Bruins ahead 3-2 in the second period and scored in the third to run goal-total this season to 11.

Sandford never has scored more than 16 goals in one season. He got 16 in the 1949 campaign.

The victory gave Boston strong hold on fourth place league standings. The Yorkers remained in fifth, nine points behind the Bruins.

Other Boston goals were led by Godfrey, defenceman Laycoe and Johnny Peirson. Veteran centre Max Baand and Nick Mickoski scored in New Yorkers.

Keglers Shooting For City Record

Ten Prince Rupert bowlers are out to set a city ten-pin record tonight when a pickup team of Bob Rudderham challenges one selected by Don Arney. Present team records, believed set by Royal Hotel team three years ago are team high single of 950 and team high three of 2532.

On Bob Rudderham's team are George Morgan, Tom McMeekin, Vic Menzies and Art Olsen. Playing for Don Arney's quartet are Bill Smith, Minor Simundset, Jimmy Currie and Frank Comadina.

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Young Aussie Downs Trabert To Tie Davis Cup Play

By WILL GRIMSLEY

MELBOURNE (AP)—Lewis Hood, one of Australia's 19-year-old wonders-boys, today defeated the American ace, Tony Trabert, 13-11, 6-3, 2-6, 3-6, 7-5 in a miserable, steady rain to tie the Davis Cup challenge round 2-2.

The condition of the Kooyong court was so bad after the match, which went 62 games and lasted just five minutes short of three hours, that officials decided to postpone the deciding singles test until Thursday.

Now the optimism that was rampant in the United States camp has subsided somewhat. For the Americans' slumping star, Vic Seixas, will go into action against Ken Rosewall, the

other Australian, 19-year-old, who has licked Seixas six times in a row.

It wasn't that the University of Cincinnati basketball player didn't perform well. He did. On occasions, he was brilliant.

The rain and wretched condition of the court bothered Tony, but that certainly was not why he lost. Young Hood had to play on the same court. Perhaps Trabert was annoyed a bit more because he is a bigger fellow than Hood and had more trouble balancing himself on the slippery turf.

Trabert slipped three times in the early going, and referee Cliff Sproule came onto the court after the fourth game of the second set and looked over the grass. He returned to his position without comment.

But two games later both players were wearing spikes. The turf was a mess when the match was over.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

By The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES—Don Grant, 165, Los Angeles, knocked out Jesse Fuentes, 163, Los Angeles, 5.

Miami Beach, Fla.—Billy Kilgore, 166, Miami, outpointed Mickey Laurent, 158½, France, 10.

CURLING RESULTS

Results of Canadian National Curling Club play Sunday are as follows: Cameron 7, Dunbar 6; Dennis 3, Kirnbauer 4; Mitchell 19, McDowell 3; Inkster 10, Buchanan 9; Burton 9, McRae 4.

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