



PERFECT MOMENT was this one as spectators and team members wait the result of this shot by Challengers' Joe Davis (33). The point was much needed in the close deciding game last Thursday between Vancouver Ellers and Prince Rupert all-star Challengers. That's Ellers' coach Jim Bardsley (66) ready for the rebound.



PERFECT SHOT left the palm of Mickey Webster (00) who guided his way past Captain Reid Mitchell's heavy checking the last few minutes of last Thursday's game between Vancouver Ellers and Prince Rupert Challengers in a three-game basketball series. Rupert's Ray Spring (11) waits, ready for action.

Ski Heil

By MARNIE BULGER

Due to the recent near tragedy when three skiers got lost on Mt. Hays Sunday, new rules have been adopted. Also, this department suggests that non-ski club members and others not familiar with the Mt. Hays terrain stick close to ski trails—especially in stormy weather.

Commencing next week-end, all skiers will be asked to sign in at the FM station, make a note of the set curfew and sign out when leaving the hill.

Sunday night ten members who had descended the mountain earlier left their homes as most were sitting down to dinner to climb the hill, heading into the howling darkness.

Many expressions were read from the faces of some—"I'm not a good enough skier to be skiing in the daylight in this weather—" "THEY MUST BE FOUND."

That is a spirit which is common among all skiers, and we're proud of it.

Special thanks go to the FM boys, the Eldsvik brothers, Duncan McRae, Foster Husoy, Jack and Don Eby and Andy Marshall who so capably organized the search. Thanks also to the RCMP and QCA, who organized a plane search and were ready to take off when the last two skiers were reported safe.

Here's hoping for a safe, week-end coming up. The rules will be placed in the main ski lodge and at the FM station and should be followed.

Following were the searchers of the rescue party:

Harold, Odd, Foster, Leiv, Howard, Ted, Larry, Monk, Ed Dawes, Jack Breen, Dunc McRae, Don Eby, Joe Gallant, John Fredheim and son, Alan, Bob Eby, Jack Eby and Andy Marshall.

President George Mostad has played his annual prank on us again—he's left town, but this time left quietly, without even saying "So Long." He didn't even wait for the presentation.

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Why Didn't Athletics Do Better?

NEW YORK—An innocent bystander could hardly be blamed for thinking there had been a prominent optical illusion in the American League during the now almost forgotten 1951 pennant race.

Consider, for instance, the case of the Philadelphia Athletics.

The Athletics, now managed by Jimmy Dykes, finished a disappointing sixth in the championship standing, 28 full games in back of the pennant-winning Yankees. Dykes even came home 11 contests away from the first division, or the money half, of the race.

FAIN IN FRONT

Yet, the A's had the leading individual batter in the league in Ferris Fain; it had the home run and runs-batted-in champ in big Gus Zernial, and now we hear they were right up there in fielding, tied with Cleveland for the team leadership of their company.

What happened? One had better ask Dykes, and perhaps even he cannot tell.

At any rate, the Athletics finished with a fine .978 fielding average, according to official statistics just released. The exact mark of the Indians. This figure, by the way, was a large three points under the leading mark of 1950, posted jointly by the Red Sox and Tigers.

The A's also set the double play pace, piling up the impressive total of 204 in 154 games. No other club got over the 200 mark. The Yankees, who won the pennant and then defeated the Giants in the World Series, were second in the double play column with 190, and tied for fourth place in team fielding with the White Sox. The team double play record was set by the 1949 A's at 217.

VERNON BEST

Mickey Vernon of Washington was the best fielding first baseman at 994, a figure equalled by Yankee Johnny Mize, who appeared in just 93 games. Vernon was in 137.

Pete Suder, Athletics, was high at the second base position, doing .987 to edge out Bobby Avila, hustling little second sacker of the Indians.

The leading third baseman, of course, was the veteran George Kell, who manages to corner the market at his spot year after year. George did .960 for 147 engagements, two points better than Cleveland's Al Rosen.

Chico Carrasquel, the big South American, gave the White Sox the top spot at shortstop, edging Eddie Joost of the Athletics by a single percentage point, .975 to .974. Phil Rizzuto, Yankees, was third on the list.

HONORS SHARED

Three players shared defensive honors in the outfield. Johnny Groth, Tigers; Sam Mele, Senators, and Gene Woodling, Yankees, all finished at the .993 level. Barney McCosky had a perfect average, but played in only 23 games.

Jim Hegan, who appeared in the good total of 129 games for the Indians, was tops among catchers with a .991 figure. Yogi Berra of the Yankees beat him out for the workhorse role, however, getting into 141 contests. Berra also participated in the fine total of 25 double plays. To give you an idea of how good this is, Hegan was in only eight.

Seventeen pitchers in the American League had perfect fielding marks (.1000), with Sandy Consuegra of Washington of that group handling the most chances, 36 in 40 games. But Detroit's Dizzy Trout handled 66 chances with but one error, for a .985 mark, while Bob Lemon of the Indians handled 83 chances around the mound, most for any hurler, and committed only two errors for a .976 figure.

FAMOUS SHRINE

Walsingham in Norfolk, England, is the site of a Catholic shrine built in 1061.

Local Students Take Visiting Alaska Team

Starting with a heavy lead at the second half, Bo-Me-Hi Rainmakers hung on to eight points to win the first of a two-game hoop series with visiting Wrangell Wolves last night, 44-36.

But it took a lot of playing by the local students to ward off a redoubled rally by the Alaskans in the last quarter which featured Wrangell's Maxand and Gunderson who made 29 of their team's points.

High scorer was Gunderson with 15, followed by Maxand, one point less.

In the first half, Rainmakers outshot and outplayed Wolves to the tune of 32-16 at half time. The visitors appeared nervous and unsettled at the beginning and couldn't get started.

Rainmakers were supported largely by Tait, high man with 14 points; Nickerson and Letourneau.

on the ALLEYS

MIXED LEAGUE

Mixed League bowling results for the opening of the second half of the season were:

"A" Division

Great West Life 4, Hill's Shoe Store 0.

Pushovers 4, Shenton's S.M. 0.

Fashion Footwear 4, Wallace's 0 (default).

Headpinners 4, Canada Life 0.

Cook's Jewellers 3, Penguin Hobby 1.

Cantels (default), Canadian General Electric (default).

"B" Division

Miller Bay 4, B.C. Packers 0.

333 Cabs 4, Van's Bakery 0.

Pioneer Market 4, Booth No. 1 0 (default).

Sons of Norway 3, Rupert Butchers 0 (default).

P.R. Plumbing 2, Red Devils 2.

Conrad Seals (default), Hi-Golds (default).

High Scores

Team single—Pushovers 1241.

Team three—Pushovers 3650.

Ladies' single—A. Pierce 293.

Ladies' three—A. Pierce 743.

Men's single—I. Dunbar 291

Men's three—I. Dunbar 736

TEAM STANDINGS

"A" Division

Fashion Footwear	19
Pushovers	16
Cook's Jewellers	12
Shenton's S.M.	11
Can. Gen. Electric	10
Canada Life	10
Headpinners	9
Cantels	8
Penguin Hobby	8
Great West Life	5
Hill's Shoe Store	5
Wallace's	3

"B" Division

333 Cabs	18
Miller Bay	15
Sons of Norway	12
P.R. Plumbing	11
Pioneer Market	11
Red Devils	10
Booth No. 1	8
Hi-Golds	7
Van's Bakery	6
Conrad Seals	6
B.C. Packers	5
Rupert Butchers	4

Hockey Scores

Okanagan	Vernon 4, Penticton 6
Pacific Coast	Nanaimo 5, Kerrisdale 4

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ALL'S WELL
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peel and all. They were exhausted but able to move.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Marshall's husband, Andy, and five others were heading down the opposite side of Mt. Hays following several old ski tracks in hopes of finding the two. This was where Wilkins had left the two to head out alone for safety at about 6 p.m. Sunday.

At 6 a.m. Monday he emerged, exhausted, bruised and beaten at Watson Island, near Columbia Cellulose pulp mill. He had trekked and zig-zagged over 15 miles of the toughest ski territory in the country in darkness of a blizzard night. His trail was followed by two three-man parties of searchers who hoped to run into trace of Mrs. Marshall and young Smith.

FRIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE

Wilkins said today he had had "a frightful experience."

"Several times I was close to tumbling over cliffs hundreds of feet down. I was soaked and moved only by instinct." He had on only a thin shirt and ski pants.

He followed a canyon-faced stream through a ravine, zig-zagging from one side to the other. The party which followed the trail Monday left the main ski slope at 9:30 a.m. and did not reach the end until 4:30 p.m. The men included Andy Marshall, Odd Eldsvik and Bill Sunberg; John Fredheim, his son Allan and newsmen Larry Stanwood. Marshall, Eldsvik, Sunberg and Stanwood had been searching since 7:30 the previous evening with only three hours of rest.

RESCUER RESCUED

When the rescuers finally came out of the rock-stream and ravine cut territory they found Stanwood missing. After waiting until darkness, they backtracked to look for the missing rescuer. They found him at 9 p.m. on the trail. He had broken both skis with a headlong lunge into a stream and had trudged through waist-deep snow until darkness, then decided to wait for help.

Meanwhile, Wilkins was recuperating from his ordeal.

"I had given up most hope of ever coming out alive, but I knew I must push on and that the stream would lead out into the open somewhere. I don't suppose I made a mile an hour. I fell often and was soaked. I was so glad to see the open skies that I wept."

He came out of the woods onto the railroad track leading to the pulp mill. He walked to the mill where he was given a change of clothing and fed.

Mrs. Marshall and Smith were spotted in a snowy meadow by

searchers Monday morning and their rescue was effected by searchers Harold Eldsvik and Neil Forman, followed by Foster Husoy and Eddie Dawes. After wandering for miles in circles from 2 p.m. Sunday to 10:30 Monday morning after they had become lost, the couple were still on the skis although feeling the effects of having no food and becoming cold for twenty hours through the long night. They had wrapped sweaters around their feet as they continued trudging.

When found, they were only about half an hour's walk from the Department of Transport's frequency modulation station, from which they had originally taken off.

Following their rescue, Mrs. Marshall and Jordan Smith rested for a few hours at the ski camp before coming on home.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT

8:30 P.M.

BO-ME-HI RAINMAKERS
VS
WRANGELL WOLVES

Preliminary game 7:30

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VS
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