

Mansons, King Ed Take Minor League Finals

Season's Toughest Battle in Junior Playoff

A point-by-point battle running into overtime gave Mansons a two-point win over Beavers Saturday night for the junior city basketball championship. Score was 26-24 in the hardest fought playoff game of the season.

With 11 seconds to go, Fred Christensen sank a free throw for Beavers to tie the scoring 21-all at the end of the fourth quarter. Christensen hit the hoop for two more in the overtime period to lead all in scoring with 12 points.

But Art Helin, whose shooting for Mansons was off throughout the game, came through with two baskets and a free throw to first tie, then win the game with a two-point lead as overtime ran out.

A small crowd witnessing the season's last basketball show were on their feet cheering and rooting for the last high school team still in the running.

In the Pee-Wee playoff finals, King Edward found no opposition in Helldivers, clobbering them 32-15 to take the championship with a 30-point margin in the two-game, total-point series.

EXHIBITION

The exhibition feature between High School's senior Rainmakers and intermediate Hi-Greens proved a poor maintenance. Older students won 56-37 in a game peppered with personal fouls and jump balls.

Five senior students scored over eight points, headed by Letourneau with 10. For the

Hi-Greens, Webber score high with eight.

LINEUP:
Mansons—Hodgkinson, Weber 2, Alderson 7, Black 8, Helin 7, Brentzen, Mostad, Barnes 2. Total 26.

Beavers—Christensen 12, Nakatsu, Matsuba 2, Tanaka, Haudenschild 2, Mah 7, Pedersen, Morven, Yamamoto 1, Tsuchiya. Total 24.

King Edward—E. Johnson 9, F. Johnson 7, B. Johnson 2, K. Hodgkinson 2, D. McIntosh 7, J. Lambie 4, P. Thom, T. Adams, R. Pierce 1. Total 32.

Helldivers—Lugrin, McLeod 2, B. McLeod, Christoff 2, Bowes 7, Twaites 4, Kilborn, Lemon, Kelsey. Total 15.

Rainmakers (Hi-Gold)—Tait 8, Nickerson 8, Ciccone 3, Morrison 5, Letourneau 10, Simondson 8, Sather 9, McKay 6, Martin 2, Enridge. Total 56.

Hi-Green—Clark 5, Webber 8, Ford 3, Penneff 4, Becker 6, McAfee 2, Kristmanson 3, Sankey 5, Rhodes 3, Sheppard 3, Woods. Total 37.

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (C)—Kenneth Gilligan, amateur welterweight wrestler, plunged in his car 115 feet over a steep slope near Auckland. Rescuers found Gilligan walking around on the beach below, dazed but ready for the next round.

Hockey Scores

National
Detroit 6, Toronto 2 (Detroit leads best of seven series 3-0)
Boston 4, Montreal 1 (Montreal leads best of seven series 2 to 1).

Pacific Coast
Tacoma 6, Seattle 3 (Tacoma wins best of five quarter final 3-1).

Pacific Coast (Semi-Final)
Victoria 1, New Westminster 4 (New Westminster leads best of seven series 2-1)

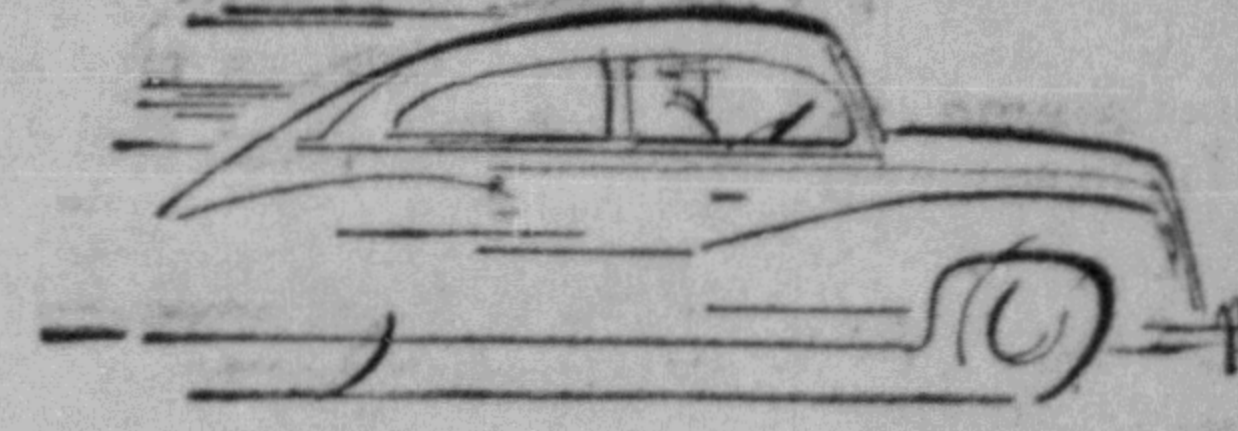
Seattle 3, Tacoma 2 (two overtime periods) Tacoma leads best of five quarter-final 2-1.

Heavy Title Bout June 5

PHILADELPHIA (CP)—Heavyweight champion Joe Walcott and challenger Ezzard Charles were signed today for a 15-round title bout in the Philadelphia Municipal Stadium June 5.

Saskatoon 1, Edmonton 3 (Saskatoon leads best of five quarter-final 2-1).

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Best Posters Named

Spring Most Valuable—Morgan Best Sportsman

Two most outstanding players in Prince Rupert were chosen Saturday at the presentation of the championship trophy which marked the end of the hoop and cage season.

Spring, red-headed former senior Mansons, was named with the Daily News Valuable Player award.

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The DAILY NEWS SPORTS

LETTERBOX

Civic Centre Head Replies To "Phantasy"—Gym Available

Editor, Daily News:

The members of the Civic Centre executive read with amazement, the article appearing a few days ago over the signature of Larry Stanwood, in which he outlines a phantasy, conceived, so he says, in the minds of himself and Mr. Stirn. Let there be some in the city who, having recently come here, are not entirely familiar with the true facts in the case, I hope you will permit this explanation to appear in your paper.

At the outset, may I say that we all are proud of the accomplishments of our basketball team and, as in the past, the Civic Centre Association stands ready to do all in its power to aid in the development and training of basketball players. Nothing would give us more satisfaction than to see Prince Rupert win the Senior A Canadian championship and some day they undoubtedly will. But let us be honest about this. We are told that before we can win, Prince Rupert requires a larger floor and taller players. Larry Stanwood notwithstanding, it is not possible to provide a larger floor on the land presently owned by the Civic Centre. We would point out, however, that this is not a particularly serious matter. In our new High School we have a floor as large as anyone could wish. It is the expressed wish of the Department of Education that school premises be used as fully as possible in community activity. As a matter of fact, our team practised several times on this floor before going south and, when the permanent baskets are installed, we will have a floor which will be entirely adequate.

A much more serious matter is the misrepresentation of financial figures in Mr. Stanwood's article. Anyone who read our financial statement of last year, knows that the Civic Centre has not fifty thousand dollars in bonds. In order to meet the annual deficits we have had to hypothecate bonds to the tune of eight thousand dollars. As Mr. Stanwood knows, the annual meeting decided to put in a roller skating floor for approximately five thousand dollars in capital outlay. With the large deficit that is rolling up for this year...

year our bond balance will be in the neighborhood of thirty thousand by the end of fiscal year in September.

We got one laugh out of the article—the naive estimate of \$100,000 for a swimming pool and a basketball floor. If Mr. Stanwood or Mr. Stirn had made a simple enquiry of any of the older members of the executive, they would have been told that, no less than two years ago, we had complete blue prints drawn—on file at the Civic Centre—of a swimming pool with hall above. This was designed to fit into the area immediately behind the present building and at that time it was proposed to put bowling alleys in the hall as a means of producing revenue. The estimate, at that time, was approximately \$250,000 and today would undoubtedly be higher. Incidentally, the total width available is only sixty feet, quite insufficient to give the playing floor advocated by basketball supporters.

The prime reason, Mr. Editor, for writing this letter is not to ridicule Mr. Stanwood. We are really concerned over the effect such articles may have on the general public, if allowed to go uncorrected. We are presently appealing for patrons' donations and we are anxious that everyone should know the true state of affairs in our Civic Centre. At the present rate of depletion of our capital, we will be bankrupt in less than five years. Who then will operate the Centre. Where will all our organizations go for their meetings? Where will we do our handicraft, play your basketball or badminton, hold our dances or our Art shows? Instead of publishing pipe dreams, Mr. Editor, cannot you impress upon the people of Prince Rupert that the situation is serious? Membership this year is down several hundred. Unless everyone gets behind and pushes we are going to wake up one of these days without a Civic Centre.

Thanking you for the space.
R. G. LARGE,
President,
Civic Centre Association

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by CHIC YOUNG

HERBERT MY VACUUM IS BROKEN—WILL YOU REPAIR IT FOR ME?
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN

IT'S NO USE --- DON'T KNOW ONE WHEEL FROM ANOTHER
HOW DID I EVER HAPPEN TO MARRY SUCH A DUMBBELL?

MY VACUUM'S BROKEN AND HERBERT'S TOO STUPID TO REPAIR IT
DAGWOOD IS VERY GOOD AT REPAIRING THINGS -- BRING IT OVER TO OUR HOUSE AND I'LL FIX IT

FIRST, WE'LL TAKE IT APART AND SEE WHAT THE TROUBLE IS
LOOK HOW INTELLIGENTLY HE GOES ABOUT IT

I'VE FOUND THE TROUBLE--IT'S JUST A MATTER OF PUTTING IT BACK TOGETHER
WHY AREN'T YOU SMART LIKE THAT?

I THINK YOU'LL FIND IT BETTER THAN NEW
DAGWOOD YOU'RE A POSITIVE GENIUS -- THANK YOU SO MUCH

NOW I'M IN DISGRACE--IT'S AWFUL TO HAVE YOUR WIFE THINK OTHER HUSBANDS ARE SMARTER THAN YOU ARE
NOW I CAN GET MY CLEANING DONE-- THANKS TO DAGWOOD

HERBERT, QUICK--PULL OUT THE PLUG--IT'S ACTING QUEER AND I CAN'T TURN IT OFF!
GRR
GRR

LOOK OUT! IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE!

WHAT'S GOING ON OVER HERE?
PARDON ME WHILE I DIE LAUGHING

BANG

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CHIC YOUNG

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