

psychology on your part in the training and coaching of the Grads? To what extent, if at all, is strict discipline necessary in the training and maintenance of your teams?

MR. PAGE: From the very commencement of the girls' associations with me as the supervisor of their school studies and their basketball activities, I seek to win their respect. I accept them as members of my own family and treat them as such, expecting them to give to me that respect and confidence and loyalty they would give in their own homes. We are therefore a large family, all growing up together in an understanding, loyalty, and friendship that completely does away with the necessity for any rigid form of discipline. The girls know exactly what I expect of them. They know that to stay with the family they must at all times so conduct themselves as to reflect credit on the whole. Any difficulties arising, and there have been extremely few, have been completely ironed out before they reached any serious proportions.

"I PLACE no restrictions on the girls' movements. At home or abroad, in the matters of diet, conduct, recreational diversion and so forth, there have never been any misunderstandings. In all my experience with the Grads I have never known a single member to smoke. Not that I have ever said, 'Don't!' My advice has been, at all times, to remember that as world's champions it is up to them to be ever conscious of the honor which is theirs. But they are not treated as small children, but as sensible grown-up members of my own family. I am happy to say that I number them all, past and present, among the very best friends I have ever had."

Off the basketball floor these champions are all hard-working business girls, stenographers in almost every case. They are perhaps the most strictly amateur organization in the whole world.

Let me give you a peep at each one of them. Miss Millie McCormack, once star flash with the front-string Grads and now official scorer, helped me meet them. I pass on Millie's introductions.

MARGARET MACBURNIE: Present captain of the team and world champion free-throw sharpshooter. Margaret scored sixty-one consecutive penalty shots to annex the above title. She has played nine years, scoring an average of 13.4 points a game. She is engaged full time as a stenographer in an Edmonton office. Is a good swimmer and an ace bowler.

GLADYS FRY: Genial center, who packs a permanent smile together with a wicked sizzling shot. Miss Fry is a graduate of Alberta University and is now a member of the university staff. She is a keen tennis player.

DORIS NEALE: One of the most dependable of the front-string Grads players; a guard who stops them. Doris can shoot with the best. She swims like a mermaid. Is employed as a stenographer by an Edmonton radio station.

ELSIE BENNIE: A former skipper of the Grads, one of the best known players, a guard. Elsie is employed as stenographer at the Edmonton civic offices. She is an expert bowler and ice curler.

BABE BELANGER: Vivacious little brunette, one of the classiest little forwards ever seen in the game. Babe is also a stenographer in Edmonton.

HELEN STONE: A guard. She has a twin sister, EDITH, playing with her on the team. Both are stenographers. Edith plays at substitute forward position, and if you can tell them apart, go ahead.

MABEL MUNTON: One of the stanchest guards the Grads have ever had. Mabel is also a stenographer.

NOEL MACDONALD is the youngest member in point of service and the "hero" of the Tulsa-Grads games. Noel is one of the tallest members of the team; is still going

to school, and when not playing basketball is a member of a topnotch baseball organization.

EVELYN COULSON and JESSIE INNES are two smart little ladies who complete the playing complement of the champs' team. Both have given some wonderful performances as alternates. Both are stenographers with city firms.

Mrs. J. Percy Page, wife of the coach, acts as chaperon to the team away from home.

On three different occasions the Grads have visited the Olympic Games—at Paris in 1924, at Amsterdam in 1928, and at Los Angeles in 1932. Unfortunately, basketball was not a competitive sport event at any of these games. But in both 1924 and 1928 a series of games, comprising fifteen contests in European centers, was arranged by the Fédération Sportive Internationale, the world-wide governing body of women's athletics. The Grads won all fifteen contests by overwhelming margins and were awarded the coveted title of World's Champions.

In all, the Grads have traveled well over 77,000 miles in defense of their many championship titles, visiting Paris, Lyon, Luxembourg, Strasbourg, Milan, Roubaix, and other European cities, and Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Windsor, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and other points.

At one time they chalked up a record of seventy-eight consecutive wins in official contests.

I asked Mr. Page to recount the most thrilling high lights in their history. Listen in:

"We are back a few years, at Chicago, playing the worthy Taylor-Trunks," he said. "With but five minutes to go we are six points down. I nod to the team. The girls know what is wanted. We have our backs

dead to the wall when I pass the signal to call on that last ounce of fighting reserve. We haven't even thought of a loss."

He pauses, his eyes dancing. "We pull out of that game five points to the good. And then in our last series against Vancouver, at Vancouver, at three minutes to the final whistle we are four points down. That is a tough spot. On the face of it we are sunk.

"But at the final whistle we emerge victors by a margin of five points."

And that, sports lovers will agree, is plenty of justification for pride on the part of any coach.

TO show further the fighting reserve of these Grads girls, let me draw for you a more recent picture. Late last summer the Grads were billed to appear in exhibition games at Fort William, Toronto, Montreal, and Winnipeg. The day before their train left Edmonton, Coach Page received word that his captain and star forward, Miss MacBurnie, had been injured and would not be able to accompany the team. It left without her.

Then at Toronto Miss Doris Neale, that great guard, was suddenly rushed to a hospital, where she underwent an operation. The Grads were to face a classy all-star team without the services of two of their most valuable players. None the less, they romped home with a win by a score of 49-12.

The scores for this entire trip follow:

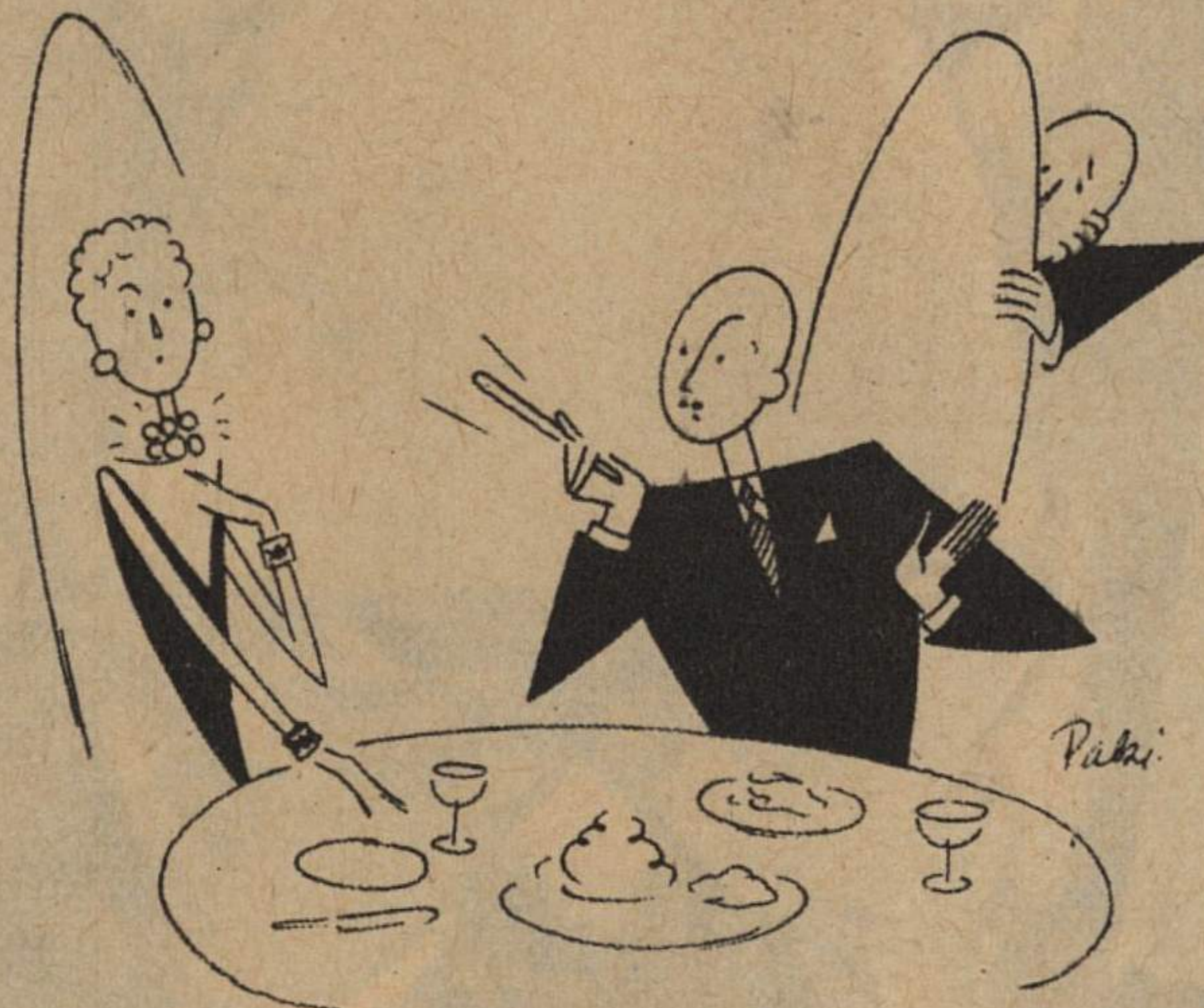
At Fort William . . .	Grads 106, Fort William 8
Winnipeg . . . . .	Grads 64, Winnipeg 4
Toronto . . . . .	Grads 49, Toronto 12
Montreal . . . . .	Grads 63, Montreal 6
TOTAL . . . . .	Grads 282; opponents 30

Thus the Grads justify the claim which is made for them—Champions of All World's Champions in the history of competitive sports.

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## BEHAVE YOURSELF

By Della T. Lutes



### KNIFE LEANERS

The way some people use a knife  
Makes me at times incensed.  
You'd think it was a lamp-post  
For men to lean against!

Or a crowbar!