

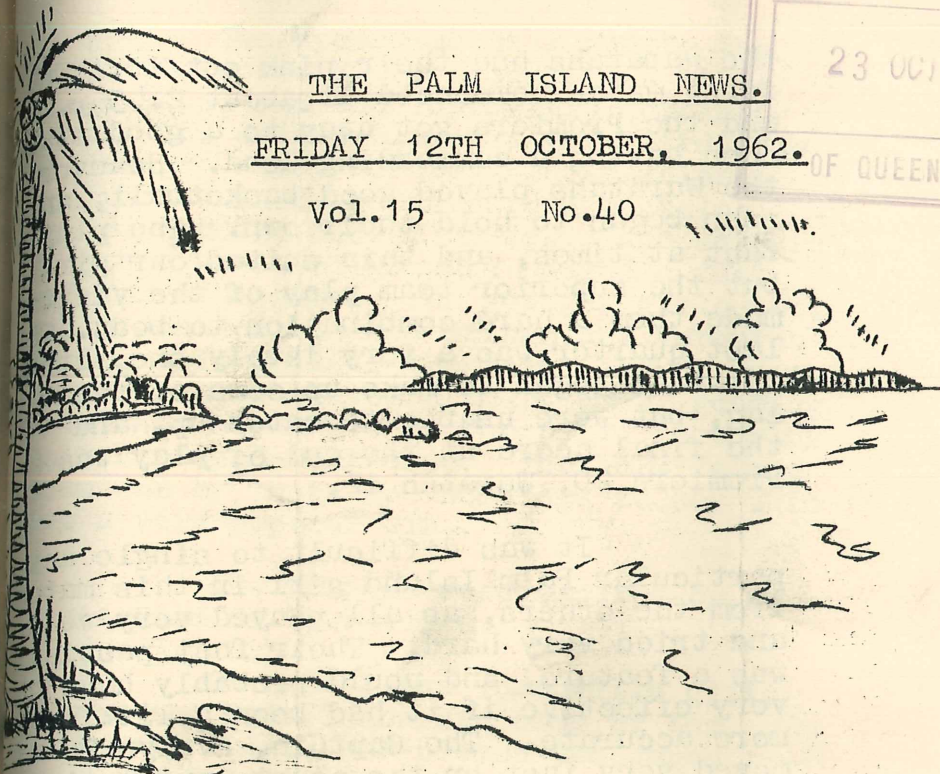
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BASKETBALL.

A most interesting feature of the weekend sports was the basketball matches played by the visiting teams at the Recreation Ground.

The Townsville teams consisted of the Townsville Premiers, and a combined Townsville team, and they arrived at Palm Island on the "Kiru" at 1 p.m. on Saturday last.

The Premiers played the Waratahs, and both teams looked very attractive as they took the field. The Townsville Premiers wore a neat outfit in black and white, and

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the Waratahs had their pink outfit. The first match commenced at about 2.45 p.m., and the Premiers got away to a good start, soon having a commending lead. However, the Waratahs played good basketball, and soon began to hold their own. The play was fast at times, and this suited our girls, but the superior team play of the visitors made them a hard combination to beat. The last quarter was a very lively one, and the Waratahs began to make up some of their lag, but were unable to catch up, and the final score at the end of play was Premiers 20, Waratah 12.

It was difficult to single any particular Palm Island girl in this match from the others, as all played very well, and tried very hard. Their fast passing was a feature, and would probably have been very effective if it had been a little more accurate. The Captain, Evelyn Palmer, moved very fast on the court, and anticipated well. Theresa Anderson intercepted smartly and her passing was good - better in the last half however, than in the first. The goalie did better in the second half, and seemed more at home. Defence was good, but here the determined team work of the Townsville Premiers made things difficult for them. Ellen Johnson and Agnes Prior did well, particularly in the first half. Sylvia Phillips took Agnes's place in the second half, when Agnes hurt her finger. Sylvia did very well, and got her share of the ball, and with more practice should develop well. Dorothy Seaton did well as goalie, and seemed more at home in the second half. Pat Nardoo also played a useful game, intercepting well and moving around the court.

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The second match was with the  
palm Island No. 2 team, comprised mainly of  
the Swifts, and the Townsville combined  
team. The Swifts played a very hard game  
and fought every minute. Their defence  
was particularly good. Greta Nicholas,  
their Captain, showed up well, and Margaret  
Obah and Mavis Bligh both played a fast  
and forceful game. The younger girls too,  
Sally Johnson, Andrea Wilson and Veronica  
Noble, were well to the fore, and Veronica  
in particular played a smart game, getting  
more than her share of the ball. Beverley  
Palmer played well also. The Palm Island  
team won by 16 to 9. Needless to say this  
was a very popular win.

The matches were umpired by Mrs.  
Marie Ford of Townsville.

On Sunday the Townsville girls  
showed the Palm Islanders some of the  
Soft ball rules, and played two games  
with our teams. They were then taken  
for a run around the settlement by the  
Superintendent, Mr. R. H. Bartlam,  
and after lunch, departed for Townsville  
on the "Kiru".

I think that the Palm Island  
players have learned a lot from this trip,  
and on Saturday a return match will  
be played in Townsville. Two Basketball  
teams will make the run, and it is  
expected that they will give a good account  
of themselves.

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