

# Hazleton cagers now 3 and 1 after loss at Ogontz

by **BILL SCHALLER**

Hazleton was the victim of a 101-79 loss at the hands of Ogontz on Saturday, Jan. 22 at the winner's gym. Ogontz was simply too big for Hazleton as they started four men six foot three or better, including a six foot eight center. And as the case usually is, a good big team will almost always beat a good little team. Hazleton fell behind 14-1, but fought back to tie it at 18 apiece. Ogontz then spurred to a 42-20 lead but once again Hazleton came roaring back and it was still a game at the half, with the score 52-40 in favor of Ogontz.

From that point, however, the height advantage began to tell as Ogontz went up 75-50, and Hazleton never threatened again. Larry Kovatch, Bill Schaller, Jim Chapman, Wayne Stewart and Craig Knouse evenly divided most of the Hazleton points. Every Hazleton player saw action as Coach Bobby cleared the bench. It was a disappointing loss because Hazleton played poorly and still made a game of it for a half. Had they been at the top of their game it would have been much more interesting.

Hazleton is now 3 and 2 in the league with their next league game tonight at Schuylkill. Despite their two losses, they are still in good shape as far as winning the division.

Following is a brief rundown of Hazleton's first four games.

Hazleton opened its season Jan. 8, with an impressive, hard fought 96-92 victory over a much taller Berks team. Joe Zoeller and Jim Chapman caught fire late in the game, and rallied Hazleton from 10 pts. behind with four minutes left to pull out the four point victory. Zoeller led Hazleton with 28 points and 19 rebounds and Chapman tossed in 24 points. Bill Schaller, with 19, and Craig Knouse, with 17, helped out with some valuable scoring. Berks started three boys from Pittsburgh Schenley High School, the 1971 Class A state champion.

In their next outing, Hazleton played host to Schuylkill Campus on Jan. 12, and simply was not "up" after their big opening win over Berks. Coach George Bobby's five found themselves 17 points behind with only two

minutes to play. A remarkable comeback led by Bill Schaller, Craig Knouse and Jim Chapman, closed the gap by out scoring the visitors 21-5 in those final two minutes, but it still left the home team one point short when the buzzer rang. The final score was Schuylkill 101, Hazleton 100. Schaller and Chapman, first cousins, by the way, led Hazleton with 27 apiece and Knouse had 13. It was a disappointing loss because,

talent-wise, Hazleton had it all over Schuylkill.

Hazleton then traveled to Allentown on Jan. 14 in an effort to make up for that one point loss suffered at the hands of Schuylkill two days earlier. And, despite the absence of injured starter Bill Schaller, who was out with a pulled leg muscle, Hazleton won it going away, 97-76. Joe Zoeller had a truly great game as he flipped in 29 points, collared 15 rebounds, and played some

fine defensive ball. Steady Jim Chapman continued to burn up the nets as he scored 26 points. Larry Kovatch with 15, Craig Knouse with 11 and Wayne Stewart with 10, were all key factors in the win. Steward and Ron Cipriano filled in more than adequately for the injured Schaller. Hazleton finally seemed to put it all together in this win at Allentown.

Hazleton's next foe was Scranton on Jan. 19, and they also proved to be their next

victim as Hazleton won a loosely-played, free scoring affair, 117-108. Hazleton led all the way, but Scranton closed the gap to 96-94 with three minutes to play. However, some clutch scoring by Jim Chapman and Bill Schaller preserved the win. Once again it was Chapman doing the bulk of the scoring as he netted 34 points on a variety of shots. Chapman was a sensational 15 for 21 from the field. Schaller wound up with thirty points mostly on drives and jump shots from the wing. Twenty of Schaller's points came in the second half. Cousins Schaller and Chapman have combined to average better than 55 points a game in the first four games. Joe Zoeller played another sparkling game as he tossed in twenty points and delivered at least a dozen eye-catching assists. The remainder of the scoring was done by Larry Kovatch with 14, Wayne Stewart with 11 and Craig Knouse with 8. Kovatch played an excellent defensive game, and along with Schaller, Zoeller and Stewart helped Hazleton control the boards against a taller Scranton team. Steward also played an important role, coming off the bench to score 11 points when Knouse ran into early foul trouble. Hazleton's record at this point was three wins and one loss.

## HAZLETON BASKETBALL ROSTER 72

NAME	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	HIGH SCHOOL
*Bill Schaller	6' 0"	170	Soph.	Hazleton
*Joe Zoeller	6' 3"	170	Soph.	Archbishop Wood
*Tim Dougherty	6' 4"	165	Soph.	Lansdale Catholic
Jim Chapman	6' 1"	160	Fresh.	Hazleton
*Craig Knouse	5' 10"	165	Soph.	Central Bucks East
Charlie Fox	5' 10"	160	Soph.	St. Gabriel's Hazleton
*Larry Kovatch	6' 1"	190	Soph.	Hazleton
Lee Pilger	5' 9"	155	Soph.	Hazleton
Ron Cipriano	5' 10"	155	Soph.	Hazleton
Wayne Stewart	6' 3"	180	Fresh.	North Catholic
*Bob Allison	6' 3"	195	Soph.	Weatherly

\*played last year  
 Head Coach - George Bobby  
 Asst. Coach - Jeff Fogelson

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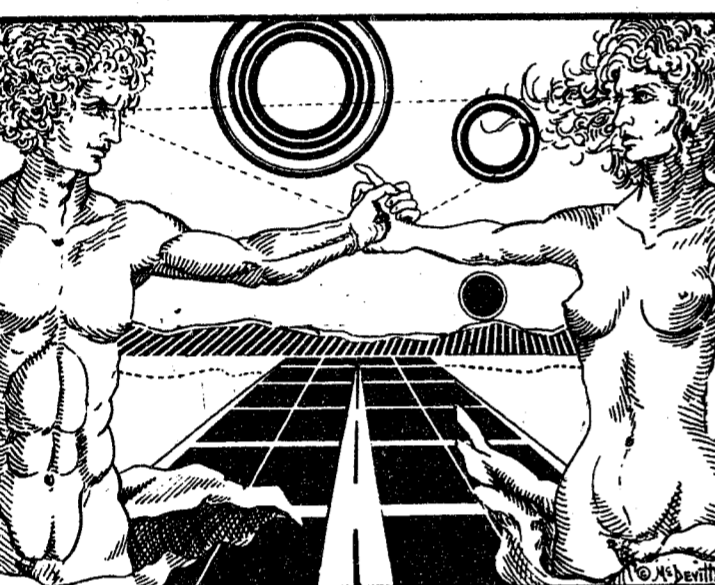
Of the total, 42 are in the baccalaureate degree program and 14 in the two-year associate degree course of study.

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