

TIME OUT

This column went out on a rather precarious limb at the beginning of the basketball season and predicted the greatest season in the history of the Center. It was...the greatest consistent losing season the Center has yet experienced. Nevertheless we must give credit to the team for the scrappy battles they put up against stiff opposition...and some of those defeats could just have easily been victories. Real heartbreakers!

And the Center "MUG" took a jaunt down to Pottsville for a year's stay. Our dope sheet said that the freight bill would be for a trip to DuBois...the Potters didn't look that good on the Hazleton floor. One consolation: Hazleton came through to cop third place in the playoffs and Ogrydziak made the All-Center team according to the Schuylkill Collegian.

Now that the basketball question will be tabled until another year, this columnist turns his thoughts to other forms of athletic diversion. Rehashing a few old suggestions: If someone would only start the celluloid humming over the net we're sure that a ping-pong tournament would go over big...thinking along that line it is entirely within reason that a playoff could be arranged between Pottsville and Hazleton. And if the spark should suddenly burst into flaming activity there is good reason that a tennis court could be made out of the rock pile in our back yard. Softball caught on last year and has much to merit its reappearance this spring; the crowd is larger, equipment is inexpensive and placed on an intra-mural basis can be a lot of fun. Golf is offered at the country club but that is out of our field entirely.

A little athletic interest would not be amiss this spring. The popular conception that all interest in school sports must wane after the basketball season, has been too prevalent in the local Center for the past two years. With the large enrollment of this semester there is no reason why enough sports interest cannot be aroused to increase our interest in the Center and keep our spirit of competition alive without placing added strain upon the student budget. Any suggestions?

Cagers Lose Eight; Win Single Game

This year's basketball five wound up the season at Pottsville by taking third place in the annual Center Tournament. But in its regular league com-

petition the Center quintet dropped eight out of nine games. Their single victory was over a highly touted Hazleton McCann's Business five. In the totals of the Hazleton scorebook, exclusive of the tournament games, the local Center racked up 272 points as compared with 381 for their opponents.

Bartol, varsity forward, garnered local honors by scoring 64 points throughout the season with Clete Dougherty in second scoring rank with 46 points to his credit.

In any single game Bartol again came through as high scorer with 19 points racked up against M. & M. I., his former Alma Mater. Pangonis of Mahanoy City McCann's holds honors in the opposition with a total of 18 counters scored against State in a single game. Gliem, of Hazleton McCann's; Mohny, of DuBois State; and Ricotta of Freeland M. & M. I. are all second with 15 points scored against the locals in a single game.

The team did far more traveling in the season just ended than it has done in former years, going to DuBois and Uniontown for inter-sectional games and then to Pottsville for the annual tournament. The Collegiate League itself was disrupted by the withdrawal of Hazleton McCann's and the Pottsville Ford School of Business. Although the games were played as scheduled they had no bearing on the standing of the teams in the loop.

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Collegian Picks All-Star Five

Picking an All-Star, all competition quintet is quite a task but this is how it lines up from our corner of the press box. Selecting the players from the standpoint of scores, floor work and team cooperation we outline the All-Star team as follows:

FIRST TEAM

Forwards: Brecker, Pottsville State; Gabuzda, Mahanoy McCann's.

Guards: Ogrydziak, Hazleton State; Ricotta, M. & M. I.

Center: Mohny, Dubois State.

Honorable Mention

Forwards: Bartol, Hazleton State; Mischissen, M. & M. I.

Guards: Frank, Hazleton McCann's; O'Neill, Pottsville State.

Center: Dougherty, Hazleton State.

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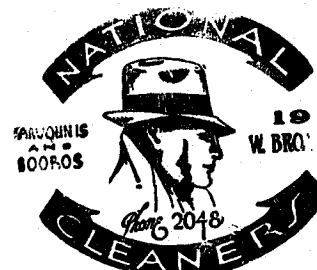
Fair Trip—

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For those interested in the expenses, here are some figures compiled by those who worked out the plan last year: train fare, \$4.30; play, \$1.00; hotel, \$2.00; meals, \$2.50.

The train is scheduled to leave Hazleton early Saturday morning and will return Sunday evening. Provided that enough students are interested, the railroad company will offer special excursion rates to the group.

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