

» » **SPORTS CHATTER** « «

MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED FANS witnessed HUC successfully open the current cage season by downing a strong Schuylkill U. C., 32-24, at the Pottsville High School Gym, on the evening of December 4. . . .

AT THE END OF THE FIRST CANTO, the visitors held a 6-2 margin; by half-time HUC led by a 14-8 count. Paced by Fisher and Parker, the lower-enders narrowed the margin to trail, 23-22, as the whistle ended the third stanza. Sparked by Apichella and Johnson, substitute guard, HUC emerged victorious, 32-24.

JOHNNY RILEY TOOK THE SCORING HONORS for the night, racking up six field goals for 12 points. Apichella, Riley's running mate, came next with four double-deckers and three free tosses for 11 tallies. Fisher of the Schuylkill U. C. lead the scoring for the losers, sinking four two-pointers and a foul for 9 points.

AFTER THE TILT, THE SCHUYLKILL U. C. played host to the local fans who made the jaunt to Pottsville, with a "Welcome Hazleton" party.

HUC RANG UP THEIR SECOND STRAIGHT WIN of the season on December 11, when they outplayed and outclassed a scrappy Hershey Junior College quintet, 64-49, before a poor crowd of 150.

ALL DURING THE FIRST HALF, THE GAME was nip and tuck; HUC held a two-point margin as the first quarter ended, 16-14. At half-time the locals still held on to a slim margin, 25-24. Excellent shooting by HUC's Apichella and Riley sparked a third period drive and HUC pulled away, 46-34, as the third canto ended. All of Hazleton's reserves saw action in the final quarter which had become quite wild and wooly.

STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM, THE HIGH SCORER for the night was Del Curry, Hershey's diminutive forward, who rang up seven field goals and four free throws for 18 points. Right behind him was Hazleton's Apichella who led the local's attack with 17 tallies.

IN THE FINAL PERIOD OF THE CONTEST, things began to get rough and at one point, it seemed as if "D-Day" Barnes and Ray Saul were going to mix it up with two of the visitors.

IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE, A DOUBLE TECHNICAL FOUL was called against the Hershey bench for "Unsportsmanlike Conduct."

JOEY HAMETZ AND JOHNNY GUENTHER, the officials for the evening, turned in a fine job, even though "Zip" James thinks the referees are better down Nesquehoning way.

EARLY IN THE SECOND QUARTER, HUTCHINSON, HUC's 6'5" pivotman, broke into the scoring column with two spectacular field goals.

RILEY, DURBACK, RIORDAN, AND WILLIAMS turned in their usual fine floor game.

RAY WILLIAMS, the lean HUC centerman, faced several of his old team-mates at the game. Ray attended Hershey Junior College for 1½ years and he was captain of the cage squad of 1943-44.

BESIDES, WITH HIS SENSATIONAL SHOOTING, CURRY "rattled" HUC ball-handlers with his taunts of "Come on! Fake me!"

IN THE LAST FRAME, HAZLETON BAFFLED THE VISITORS with two fast passing plays that ended up with Apichella under the basket, all by his lonesome, to hang up two easy field goals.

IN THE BLEACHERS ONE OF THE CENTER students cracked wise with, "I wonder how many first downs Hershey has?"

"DUKE" SIPPLE DID A GOOD JOB AT the P.A. System by informing the fans as to the changes in the line-ups, and his playing of "new" records between halves.

THE RETURN MEETING OF THE TWO TEAMS on January 18 should prove to be a "thriller". The Chocolate City five will be out to revenge that night. Anything can and will happen.

THE REASON WHY COACH RALSTON of Bucknell Junior College looked so glum before game-time was due to the fact that his boys had to travel to New York state to meet Mansfield State Teachers the following night and no means of transportation were available.

THE HOLDUP OF THE GAME was due to the officials for the night, "Red" Rothacker and "Pete" Forliano, working the HHS-Plymouth Jayvee tilt at the high school.

WATCHING HUC'S CAGERS snag the rebounds caused Coach Ralston to shake his head in amazement and say, "Look at those boys go up for that ball!"

SCORING HONORS FOR THE EVENT went to Johnny "My girl's coming home, but I'm playing at State College" Riley who ac-

counted for almost half of Hazleton's total.

SWARTWOOD AND BLACK, two of the smoothest forwards ever encountered, garnered 25 points between them, dropping in some beautiful shots to keep the county-seaters in the ball game.

ZUKOWSKI, THE VISITOR'S PIVOTMAN played a fine defensive ball game, but, unfortunately for Bucknell, he was taken out of action via the five personal foul route.

WAGNER, HUC RESERVE GUARD, thought he'd kill two birds with one stone. He brought his English Comp notes to study while riding the bench.

RAY SAUL, "I played a good ball game, but I didn't shoot enough."

I WONDER IF HUTCHINSON NOTICED that his name was omitted from the box scores of the Plain Speaker and the Standard Sentinel. You don't stand in with Sid Benjamin and Stan Caghey like Coach Rudman does, Art.

WITHOUT A DOUBT, "D-Day" Barnes is the most popular man on the squad. Even before the game starts, the bleachers ring out with, "WE WANT BARNES!"

ONE OF THE LOCAL SPECTATORS AT THE GAME swore that he saw Johns, Bucknell's burly guard, play pro-basketball last year up at Wilkes-Barre.

BIG LAUGH OF THE EVENING CAME WHEN the HUC team filed out of the gym enroute to the showers. As each player passed him at the door, Francis Fatsie would say, "Nice game, Durback," "Good shooting, Riley," "Good going," "Riordan," but when John Apichella walked by, Fatsie looked at him, smiled and said, "Hiyah, Johnny!"

ONE OF THE STUDENTS IS RUNNING close to Jack Benny in "extravagance." He took his girl to the game, confided in me and said, "I'm glad my girl couldn't get tickets to the Hazleton-Plymouth game. This way it costs me only a thin dime." Mur-der!

IT'S A SHAME THAT THE ATTENDANCE AT THE HOME GAMES IS AS POOR as it is. With the championship ball club that we have here the gym should be packed to capacity at every contest.

IT SEEMS AS IF ALL THE VISITING TEAMS are finding fault with the officiating. At the Hershey game, Joey Hametz was the victim. The Bucknell game found "Red" Rothacker and Pete Forliano taking a 'riding' from the visitors.

Pottsville Pick-Ups

FROM THE NOTEBOOK OF A DELEGATE. . . Orchids to a hard-hitting Student Council at SUC. They put on a grand show, and were as efficient a group as could be desired.

SEEN AT THE MEETINGS. . . Al Keller engaged in serious discussion with Norm Boehm, chief executive of the SUC council. A lot of good should result from the interchange of ideas. Al's practical suggestions should be equally valuable to the other delegates.

OVER THE COFFEE AT THE BANQUET. . . A fine lecture by Dr. Pundt, a gentleman and a scholar. His speech was educational as well as entertaining. . . MR. GOSS in his best form saying a few words when introduced. He was able, as usual, to hold up more than his end in the discussion that took place during dinner.

NEITHER HERE NOR THERE. . . Wonder whether a certain delegate will include the name, address and phone number of the girl elevator operator at the Necho-Allen in his report to the Council. . . The female delegates were unusually attractive and our own Peg Denion was the object of a good deal of attention. . . The pictures taken at Pottsville were sent to us through the courtesy of the Pottsville Council and a student photographer. Many thanks.

TO THE DELEGATES FROM ALTOONA AND DUBOIS. . . It was a wonderful meeting, you guys . . . hope to see you again. Best of luck with your project out at Dubois or "Two Boys" as our Johnny Ward insisted on calling it.

SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR GAME ROOM COMMITTEE. . . Trophy table similar to that at Pottsville . . . one of the delegates will donate a cream pitcher for a start, won't you ? ? ? ?

HUC Impressive In Winning Three Of Four League Tilts

The Hazleton Undergraduate Center's netmen, under the tutelage of Coach Rudman, loom as potential pennant-winner in the newly formed Pennsylvania Junior College Loop. Winning three consecutive games before dropping an exhibition contest to Penn State's J. V.'s and a league fray to York Junior College, the locals are displaying an excellent brand of ball. Syd Rudman is seriously hampered with the lack of capable reserve material. After Tuesday night's loss, it is rumored that there of HUC's roster have "turned in" their uniforms.

SCHUYLKILL FIVE BOWS TO HUC.

On Dec. 4th, the charges of Coach Syd Rudman trekked to Pottsville to defeat a fighting Schuylkill U.C. quintet, 32-24, before a small crowd of 300 fans.

The first quarter saw Hazleton lead by a 6-2 margin. At half-time, the Schuylkill five trailed by a 14-8 count. Stellar playing by Fisher and Parker brought the score to 23-22, HUC leading, as the whistle sounded the end of the third stanza. Field goals by Art Johnson and Johnny Apichella in the final canto spelled defeat for the hemesters.

Johnny Riley was high man for the night with 6 field goals for 12 points. Johnny Apichella, Riley's running mate, scored four double-deckers and three free tosses for 11 points. Fisher paced the losers, sinking four field goals and one foul for 9 tallies.

Standing out like a sore thumb was HUC's inability to retrieve rebounds. This was especially noted in the third quarter.

Hazleton U. C.	F.G.	Fls.	Pts.
Apichella, f.	4	3	11
Riley, f.	6	0	12
Saul, g.-c.	1	0	2
Riordan, g.	0	1	1
Durback, g.	2	0	4
Williams, g.	0	0	0
Wagner, g.	0	0	0
Johnson, g.	1	0	2
Totals	14	4	32

Schuylkill U. C.	F.G.	Fls.	Pts.
Beyerle, f.	0	1	1
Parker, f.	2	0	4
Rees, c.	1	0	2
Fisher, g.	4	1	9
Masteller, g.	0	2	2
Burmeister, c.	1	1	3
Whalen, g.	1	0	2
Young, g.	0	0	0
McKenna, f.	0	0	0
Schraeffler, g.	0	1	1
Totals	9	6	24

Score by quarters:	
HUC	6-14-23-32
SUC	2-8-22-24

HUC DEFEATS HERSHEY J. C., 64-49

The HUC courtmen trounced the Hershey Jr. College, 64-49, to annex their second straight win before a poor crowd at the A. D. Thomas Gym. The locals completely out-classed and outplayed the Chocolate City basketweavers who, nevertheless, put up a great fight.

Apichella and Williams were the pace-setters for HUC, garnering 28 points between them. Riley, Riordan, and Durback played their usual good floor game.

High scorer for the evening went to Del Curry, Hershey's diminutive forward, who tallied 18 points.

The game became wild and wooly in the last quarter when it seemed that everything happened at once. Two technical fouls were called on Hershey's bench for "unsportsmanlike conduct".

The return game with Hershey Jr. College on Jan. 18 will prove to be a thriller.

Hazleton U. C.	F.G.	Fls.	Pts.
Apichella, f.	8	1	17
Barnes, f.	0	2	2
Riley, f.	3	2	8
Wagner, f.	0	3	3
Williams, c.	5	1	11
Hutchinson, c.	2	0	4
Saul, c.	1	2	4
Riordan, g.	3	2	8
Major, g.	1	0	2
Durback, g.	2	0	4
Johnson, g.	0	1	1
Totals	25	14	64

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