

Hucsters Meet 2 Tough Teams After Vacation

The Center's cagers had better get a good rest over the Christmas holidays, for they meet a couple of tough foes right after the vacation.

On Saturday, January 8, the Rudmanites play a return contest with the DuBois Center, at the A. D. Thomas gymnasium, Sixth and Grant streets, Hazleton.

This will be the first home game for the local quintet, and it should prove interesting, as the boys from DuBois are out to avenge their defeat of the first encounter.

On the following Wednesday, January 12, they meet the basketballers from the York Jr. College. This game will also be played at the A. D. Thomas gym. York has a strong team every year, and this year is no exception. It has been rumored that the York team is the one to beat for the title this season. If this is true, we can look forward to a thrill packed game when these two clubs meet.

Team Asks Santa For Dates, Zips, Heights Subway

Have you honestly done justice to the current \$64 question: "What do I want for Christmas?" If you haven't, try it. It's fun. To prove my statement, here are a few thoughts taken from the inner minds of our high flying basketball team.

Jack Sipple—"A bottle of Tigrass." I wonder why?

Bill Gardner—"A subway from the school to the Heights." What's this?

Chick Lamonica—"A girl that will keep her mouth shut." Keep trying, Chick.

Pete (Slingshot) Garber—"Lana Turner and Grace Hepp." Sounds real good.

Paul Phillips—"A softer seat for drawing." How would Jane Russell's lap suit you???

Steve (Jasper) Kowalick—"A motor scooter, so that I don't have to ride with Sid." Amen!

Robert Gerhard—"A date with Maggie." I wonder who he is thinking of!

Adam Petcavage—"A slim brunette and a zip in drawing." Let's not get piggish.

Ray Kostic—"A three in German and a lollypop." Sucker!

Swish Talerovich—????

Robert Mekofski—"60 points in the next game." Maybe he is trying for high score.

IN HOSPITAL

Donald Smith, who recently injured his foot while hunting rabbits, is convalescing at the Hazleton State Hospital. It would be nice if some of his classmates would include him on their Christmas card list.

PISTOL PETE GARBER BASKETBALL BIG MAN



Pete Garber

Explosive on any court is Pete Garber. His untiring stay on defense as well as offense has put him high on the pedestal of the Penn State future champs. A veteran of last year's five, he puts that gleam that is always so noticeable in coach Syd Rudman's eye.

Pete stands up to 6 foot 3 inches against the tape line and tips the scale at 195. He hails from Weatherly where he completed his high school days in 1945. As a student he was active in baseball and soccer as well as basketball.

Upon graduation Pete served in the ground forces for Uncle Sam, after which he began his college career in Hazleton, majoring in physical education.

Book Store News

The center book store is open only three days a week now. The new time schedule sets up the hours from 1:30 to 4:30, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons only.

The book store will close today for the Christmas holidays and will re-open January 3.

The members of the book store wish to extend to the faculty and students their heartiest greetings for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

In 1947, 2,050 persons were killed and 7,000 injured walking on rural highways. In the country walk on the left shoulder of the road—and wear white or carry a light at night!

HEIGHTS A. C. LEADING INTRAMURALS; WON FOUR GAMES

As basketball intramurals wind up the fourth week of competition, the undefeated Heights A. C. five reign supreme with a perfect 4-0 record. Also among the ranks of the undefeated are the Warriors, a determined quintet who lay claim to a 3-0 tally.

Many of the other teams in the circuit are only on the heels of the leaders. As the schedule moves into its determining stages, there should be many hard-fought engagements.

There will be a league meeting January 4 at the usual time and place.

The standings:

Team	W. L.
Heights A.C.	4 0
Warriors	3 0
Midgets	3 1
Umbrella Shop	2 1
Engineers	2 2
Fireballs	2 2
Pros	1 2
Defenders	1 3
Cobras	0 3
Masters	0 4

SPORTSTUFF

By DICK BAGBY

Hazleton Center's cagers ran their winning streak to eighteen consecutive games and four straight for the season, by steamrolling over the highly vaunted quintet of DuBois, last Saturday night at DuBois.

The local boys have been playing red hot ball, and seem to be on the way to another very successful season.

The Center's J.V.s have also turned in a couple of top-notch performances this season. The J.V.s lost a heartbreaker to the Pottsville aggregation 38-36 in the season's opener at Pottsville; however, they bounced back into the win column by knocking off the hard-fighting basketballers from M.M.I. in an exhibition game. The Junior Varsity, under the capable supervision of Coach Ossie Prokopic, have been improving steadily, and should prove a formidable foe to their adversaries in the future.

Although the whole team has contributed their share of points in the Center's victories, it is Pete Garber, rangy center for the Rudmanites, who is leading in scoring honors for the locals with 56 points to his credit. Closely following Garber, with 48 and 43 points respectively, are Pete Gardner and Ray Kostic.

The battle for supremacy in the intramural league is really getting hot. The Heights A.C. now holds the top position, but they are in danger of losing their scalps to the battle-hungry Warriors, who are yelping right on their heels.

Rudmanites Set Back Four More College Teams

The charges of Syd Rudman beat the Pottsville Center at Pottsville Saturday, December 8, to the tune of 68 to 59. Jumping off to an early lead, the Pottsville five maintained it until the second period when Roy Kostic sparked the attack that put the Hucsters out front to stay.

The team traveled to Hershey Wednesday, December 8, to engage the Hersheyites in a well-played game. Rolling up a 20 to 16 lead in the first period, the Hucsters were never headed and came out on top by a score of 70 to 58. The team played exceptionally well with Gardner garnering 18 points, Ray Kostick 14 and Pete Garber 12.

The Altoona Center became the next victim of fine all-around playing by the Rudmanites as they found themselves on the short end of a 67 to 52 tilt. The Hucsters had it on that night with everyone sinking baskets almost at will. Sipple and Gardner both captured 14 points with Kostick, Talerovich and Garber close behind.

Saturday, December 11, was the night the Hucsters set back the DuBois Center, 54-32. Hopelessly outclassed, the rangy DuBois team played spirited ball, but the strength of the Hucsters was too much for them. Garber led the scorers with 13 points.

Heckler, Motivator, Grandstand Ref

There is never a dull moment for the members of the basketball squad, when student manager, first class, E. Squirreley Nowak is present, contributing his talents and time to carry the proverbial water bucket on and off the basketball court.

Employing his amusing antics in the most serious situations Squirreley adds most of the spark and atmosphere that makes basketball at the Center so pleasant.

During the course of a basketball game, Squirreley makes his headquarters directly in the center of the bench, from where he assumes his roles as heckler, motivator, grandstand referee and even peanut vendor.

Active as student manager for the past two seasons, which have proven highly successful for the Center, Squirreley has risen to claim the title of "head manager."

Yes, Columbia may have Eisenhower, Penn may have Stassen, but Hazleton Center can raise its head above all others, it has Squirreley!

Prof: "A fool can ask more questions than a wise man can answer."

Student: "No wonder I flunked the last test."