

Altoona Wins Coveted Title

The Pennsylvania Junior College tournament got off to a fast start this season with four top-notch clubs fighting for the title.

On Friday night a high-flying Altoona aggregation knocked the wind out of York's sails by defeating the favorite of the tournament, 54-49. This was a red-hot game all the way with plenty of tricky ball handling and fancy shooting by both teams. On the same night Coach Syd Rudman's Hazleton basketeters put on their high-powered attack to defeat Dubois, 86-67 and advance to the tourney finals. A well-balanced offense got the HUCsters off to an early lead and they were never headed the rest of the way. Ray Kostic, Pete Garber and Bill Gardner were the big guns for the locals, Kostic notching a neat 21 points while Garber and Bill Gardner dropped through 18 and 17 tallies respectively. Swish Talarovich, who teamed effectively with Garber to control the boards, also chipped in 13 counters to help the cause. Chick Lamonica and Jack Sippel did some fancy floorwork to round off the Center's well-balanced attack. Al Straub with 21 points and Joe Wray with 17 counters were the point-getters for Dubois but their efforts were in vain as they only got spasmodic support from their teammates.

On Saturday night the Center's bid for a second straight Junior College championship was stemmed by a hard-fighting, determined Altoona quintet. The Altoona club, headed by a couple of capable scoring aces in the persons of Jay McMahan and Ted Panoplos put on a dazzling display to come from behind in the second half and top the Rudmanites, 65-53. Although the HUCsters could not seem to regain the form that enabled them to romp over Dubois on Friday night, they put up a stubborn resistance which kept the outcome of the fray in doubt until the closing seconds of the game. Bill Gardner was high man for the locals with 14 points while Jack Sippel collected 13 and Pete Garber 11. Ray Kostic, Swish Talarovich and Chickie Lamonica also turned in good performances while trying to halt the on-rushing Altoona team.

A special trophy was presented to the Rudmanites for being runners-up in the tournament.

Umbrella Shop Retains Crown

The Umbrella Shop five annexed their second straight intramural crown, when they defeated the Warriors in the championship game last Monday night.

DeFluri was high scorer for the Warriors, while Corazza and Bielen were big guns for the Umbrella Shop champions.

The Midgets and the Heights AC, the other two squads that competed in the play-offs, were eliminated as a result of their inability to overcome the fast paces set by their opponents on two different occasions.

INTRAMURAL TABLE TENNIS

Any men who are interested in intramural competition in table tennis should attend a meeting to be held Monday at noon in W-13.

**A Sultan at odds with his harem
Thought of a way he could scarem;
He caught a mouse,
Set it loose in the house,
Thus starting the first harem-scarem.
Lake Forest College STENTOR.**

ATTAIN HIGH RECORD OF 16 WINS, 5 LOSSES



The starting lineup for the HUCsters in the decisive elimination series at Dubois is pictured above. Left to right they are: Ray Kostick, Stephen Talarovich, Pete Garber, Jack Sippel and Bill Gardner.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAMS GO SOUTH TO START TRAINING

Once more the sixteen major league baseball clubs have pitched their tents in their respective training camps located throughout California, Arizona and Florida to begin their spring training programs in preparation for one of the most eagerly awaited seasons in the history of our national pastime.

The excitement and interest created by the past two campaigns and thrilling World Series classics have caused baseball enthusiasts to focus their eyes on this forthcoming 1949 season to answer many of the important questions whose answers will determine the future status of many of the major league ball clubs.

After the teams complete their basic training programs which consist of hitting, fielding, throwing and sliding, they will begin competition in the "Grapefruit League." After each player on the roster (which generally consists of from forty to fifty veterans and rookies) has an opportunity to display his ability the managers begin to "weed out their crops." They determine which players show promise of being capable to withstand major league competition.

The others are sent out to their respective farm clubs for further experience.

Then as the team begins to move north to complete their training, the managers compose starting lineups and begin work with these selected men in an attempt to produce a winning combination.

Probably at this time some hints will be given as to the answers of some of the big questions: Will Musial and Williams continue their tremendous paces? Are DiMaggio and Feller good for another season? Will the "sophomore jinx" affect rookie sensations Dark, Ashburn and Bearden? Will rookie hopefuls Groth of the Tigers, Wilson of the Red Sox, and Kryhoski of the Yankees live up to expectations?

These questions and all others in the buzzing heads of baseball America will be answering themselves on Tuesday, April 19, when a spring sun shines down on crowded baseball parks in the eastern United States and a man in a dark uniform walks up to the home plate, tosses a shining new baseball towards the pitching mound and shouts "PLAY BALL!"

SPORTSTUFF

By DICK BAGBY

The Center's cagers under the capable direction of Coach Syd Rudman have turned in a satisfactory record this season. Although they did not win the league title at the PJCAA Tournament, they proved themselves the team to beat for this title. The Rudmanites finished the season in second place with 16 won and 5 lost.

The top point-getters for this season were Garber, Kostic and Gardner. Top man Pete Garber had an even 300 tallies. In second place was Ray Kostic with 272 counters, and close behind Ray in the number three spot, Bill Gardner with 267 points. The top defensive men and play-makers for the squad this season were Swish Talarovich, Jack Sippel and Chickie Lamonica who also dumped in a combined 451 points to make the club one of the highest scoring in the league.

Coach Rudman, upon completion of the season, has submitted what he considers an All-Opposition Squad.

Panoplos (Altoona)—F.
L. LaSavage (Pottsville)—F.
McMahan (Altoona)—C.
Grim (York)—G.

DeGatis (Bloomsburg STC JV)—G.

Pete Garber, co-captain of the Center team, was honored at the tourney by being selected for the center position on the Tournament All Star Team by the Tournament Committee. The others chosen as members of the All Star Team were Panoplos of Altoona and Grim of York as forwards, Moore of Altoona and Hamme of York as guards.

Coach Ossie Procopic's J.V. squad finished the season with only one defeat to mar its record. The J.V.'s dropped their first game to Pottsville but bounced back to finish the rest of the season unbeaten. Congratulations to Coach Procopic and his squad on their successful season.

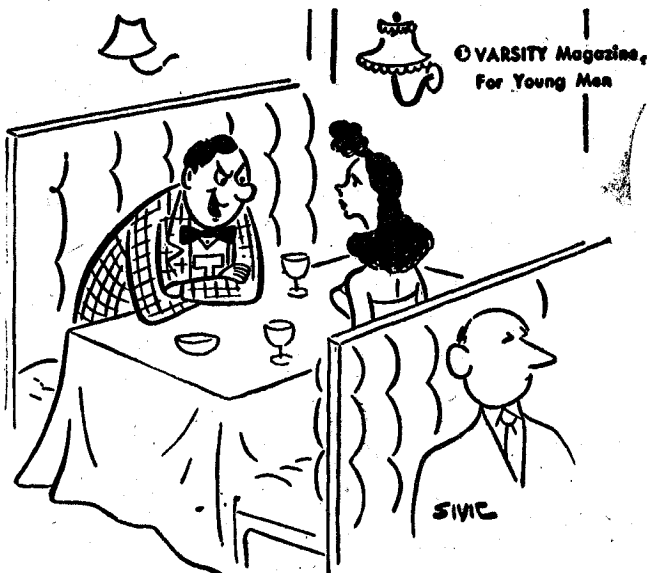
Temple Tonight In Dream Game

Tonight the regional basketball fans will have an opportunity to witness four of the outstanding teams of the state in action when the Center five clash with the Temple University Frosh, and the Mountaineer seniors engage a powerful array of seniors from the Anthracite School League in a Dream Game.

At 7:30 p.m. in the Hazleton High Gym the Rudmanites will trade shots with the impressive Temple Owls. The Philadelphians come to Hazleton with an unblemished record of nine wins and an amazing average of 74 points a game. The team is centered about Billy Milkvey whose average of 24 counters a game has caused the opposition to cry for help more than once. He is aided by Stan Gordan, Bob Fleming, Vince Couchara and Dich Marlock, and capable reserves Vic Napoletano, John White and Tony Marcon.

The HUCsters will be on the rebound from defeat at the hands of Altoona and have plenty in store for the Templites. Syd Rudman's boys boast a record of sixteen and five for the season and with Pete Garber, Swish Talarovich, Ray Kostic, Bill Gardner and Jack Sippel playing as they know how, an upset victory is very likely.

The Mountaineers Seniors tangle with the Anthracite Seniors in a game which will have the Anthracites shooting for their third victory in four Dream Game starts.



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