

## HUC Hardwood Heartbreaks

Because many students have asked for a fuller and more comprehensive coverage of the Hazleton Center's only organized representative in the sports world—the basketball team—and the necessary concentration of interest on that team, we are presenting a short review of the entire cage campaign to date, including Pennsylvania Junior College Conference frays and exhibition games.

The Hucksters warmed up for the season by surprising the experts with a mild upset of a strong alumni aggregation. The rather disappointing story of HUC's court wars follows:

### HUC 47 — Altoona 58

The first Junior College Conference game for the Rudmanites ended in their defeat at the hands of last year's league champs. The Hazleton team was unable to cope with Hank Goldberg, Altoona's star center, who garnered 25 points for himself in the night's outstanding individual performance. Jimmy Mulligan's fourteen points earned him the top scoring honors for HUC. The long trip to Altoona on treacherous highways did nothing to add to our team's sharpness.

### HUC 85 — Bloomsburg Jayvees 95

Bloomsburg State Teachers College sent their Junior Varsity squad to the A. D. Thomas School gym for an exhibition pairing with the Hucksters, and they went home with a victory under their figurative belts. The Staters led 33-15 in the first quarter; due a lot to Daly of Bloom, who had garnered 32 points for himself, the score was tied 66 all, by the end of the third quarter. The Huskies from Columbia County outscored the Hucksters by ten points and the rest is history.

Thus the first home game against organized competition ended in the Hazleton Center's second defeat in as many games.

### HUC 69 — Pottsville Center 88

Syd Rudman took his charges to the Schuylkill center to tangle with the Pottsville tossers. This trip ended disastrously also, by virtue of some terrific point-producing by Lansavage, Fey, and Brocius of Pottsville with 34, 24, and 14 points respectively. Lansavage's 34 counters is probably an individual opponent's scoring record. Our own Lefty Lefkowitz was not wasting his efforts, either. He ended up with nine field goals and six fouls for 24 Hazleton tallies. Woods and Mulligan also did some fine work in the losing cause.

### HUC 55 — Hershey 56

The Hazleton Staters played host to Hershey Junior College in the first home conference game. The Hucksters led through most of the game and appeared to be on the way to clinch the first victory of the year. Such was not their fate, however, for two long set-shots by Hershey's scoring star, Fred Douglas, overcame the host's three-point lead and snatched victory from defeat in the final minutes. Douglas' 21 markers combined with Resinger's and Hand's 25 made

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Bill Gardner, team captain, and Jimmy Mulligan, scoring ace of the Rudmanites are caught in conversation. Planning a terrific second semester campaign, no doubt.

up most of the Hershey total. Mulligan again paced HUC's attack, with Gardner and Lefkowitz close behind. This was certainly a tough game for either team to lose and we did.

### HUC 59 — Swarthmore 61

Two heartbreakers in a row shouldn't happen to any team; it did! The Rudmanites were victims of two losses in a row by a slim margin. The situation was just reversed from the last game, though. Swarthmore led 22-14 at the first-quarter mark, 33-26 at half time and retained an eight-point advantage at the three-quarter mark. Gardner, Mulligan, and Stanek led the Hazleton rally which tied the score at 57 all with one minute left. Then Fine, a Swarthmore guard, dumped in two quick field goals, and the ice was broken. Jimmy Mulligan got one more basket to make the score 61-59 Swarthmore. That is the way the game ended, leaving HUC with a won-lost record of none for five to date.

### HUC 57 — Bloomsburg Jayvees 52

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The Hazleton Penn State Center won this one! The HUC cagers journeyed to the home court of the Bloomsburg State Teachers College Jayvees and wreaked vengeance upon the Huskies for the defeat they had suffered earlier in the season at Weatherly. The entire squad, led by Zack Taylor, Jack Sipple, Jimmy Mulligan, and Lefty Lefkowitz, went to town in workmanlike fashion and piled up a commanding lead which

they never lost. The victory was all the more sweet to win-starved Hazleton because a capacity crowd of Bloomsburg rooters was on hand to witness their team being humbled. Perhaps this victory will provide the spark of that little extra something it takes to win games.

### HUC 69 — Keystone 80

The spark seemed to come in this game just about three quarters too late. A fine well-coached aggregation from the Keystone Junior College in Scranton came to the A. D. Thomas gym and handed Hazleton their sixth loss. The Scrantonians hopped off to a big lead in the first quarter, and our Center basketball players never came close enough to scare them. When the teams walked off the floor at half time the score read 48-33. The HUCsters came near to rallying in the final quarter but each time they piled up a few points in a row Keystone did the same thing. Kreiger of the visitors topped the scoring efforts with 26 tallies; for Hazleton, Billy Gardner netted 22 markers on nine field goals and four fouls, Taylor had 18, and Lefkowitz 14. Jimmy Mulligan, hampered by a thumb injury, nevertheless chipped in with 8 more. The Staters' record now reads six losses for seven starts.

### HUC 78 — Altoona 61

Penn State Center in Hazleton racked up victory number two of the season. HUC's victims now include the same strong Altoona team which had humbled the Rudmanites earlier in the season at Altoona. Despite the lack of support in the form of home-

club rooters the Hazleton team went to town from the beginning whistle and piled up a substantial lead. At the first-quarter mark, they had scored eleven more points than the invaders, leading 17-6. The lead increased continually on a display of accurate shooting and fine ball handling by the home club. George Woods, whose previous scoring records seldom were high, caught fire in this fray and ended up with 25 points of his very own to top all scoring efforts for the night. In addition to his point-making spree Woods excelled on defense, holding Altoona's big gun, Hank Goldberg, in check. Taylor, Lefkowitz, and Mulligan all scored in the double figures to pile up Hazleton's total, and Captain Bill Gardner was the playmaker. HUC proved they can beat a strong opponent by this victory over the league's defending champs.

### HUC 56 — York 39

Hopes of two victories on two consecutive nights went a-glimmerin' as HUC's York hosts piled twenty points through the hoops in the first quarter. That point-producing performance was especially effective in view of the fact that our Hazleton Center team was unable to score a single point in that same first quarter. HUC, who flashed a fine offense against Altoona, couldn't seem to find the holes in the baskets. Cortney, York forward, was high man with eighteen points. Billy Gardner was most of the Hazleton attack and grabbed thirteen tallies. Mulligan and Knyrim chipped in with eight more apiece, all in vain.

With nine games behind them and one more to go this semester, that is the picture—let's hope the Old Master Painter will create a more cheerful canvas next semester.

## BENNY

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the country  
benny why dont we reorganize  
what i cried  
and lose my only  
source of amusement id go  
crazy if i couldnt watch  
humanity mess up the world  
be patient at the  
rate theyre going it  
wont be long before theyll  
be glad to get the earth  
off their hands so  
he left appeased  
but not convinced

benny

\*Those readers who enjoy this style and would like to see justice done to it are referred to Don Marquis' "Archy and Mehitabel".

## Cage Calculations

The Collegian has compiled unofficial statistics of the basketball campaign and we present them here:

	F.G.	Fls.	Pts.
Mulligan	50	12	112
Lefkowitz	35	32	102
Gardner	36	22	94
Taylor	36	11	83
Woods	17	14	48
Stanek	9	23	41
Sippel	15	7	37
Hutyan	1	0	2