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HUCSTERS SLAM SUSQUEHANNA

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Displaying the form that qualified the Hazleton Center Basketball team for the Pennsylvania Junior College Basketball Conference championship, Zack Taylor's Terrors hammered the Susquehanna Crusaders before 2,200 noisy fans Monday night -- 64 to 56.

The Eastern College Athletics Conference ruling that barred Frank Romano and Dwight Huseman from playing would no doubt have changed the rule of battle, but no one seemed to realize or mention that a certain Stater was out of action for the game, also. The Stater I'm referring to is -- "Johnstown" Jack Plochin. Jack was one of Zack Taylor's most consistent and versatile players all year and definitely a reason we tied for the co-championship. The Hazleton Lions could have acted in "good faith" and could have given Jack the honor of announcing that because of an injury in the York Championship game he would be unable to participate. Instead, they harped on the two Susquehanna stars and asked if anyone wanted their tickets redeemed. Three fans took that opportunity. Romano and Huseman may, after being presented before 2,200 fans, received their ovation; but this reporter would like to give Jack Plochin, who definitely would have made up the difference the two Susquehanna aces would have made, the ovation and credit he so well deserves.

The Monday night game ended as such:

Hazleton

Hall 10-4-24
Boyle 8 -1-17
Raoss 4 -3-11
Frank 3- 0- 6
Lawrence 1- 2 -4
Michael 1- 0 -2
Kobrick 0- 0 -0
Marchese 0 -0 -0

27- 10- 64

Susquehanna

F. Smith - 9 - 2 - 20
Doney .. 6 - 7 - 19
Donington- 3 - 2 - 8
Mcarty .. 1 - 3 - 5
G. Smith - 1 .. 0 - 2
Johnson - 0 - 2 - 2
Schroeder- 0 - 0 - 0
Popisil - 0 - 0 - 0

20 - 16 - 56

NEW FREE THROW RULE PUT IN EFFECT

This reporter got a big charge out of the new free throw rule put into effect before the HUCster-Susquehanna game. If the first free throw (foul shot) is made a bonus shot is given--this was to try and keep fouls at a minimum. Players, fans, and REFEREES?? were quite confused--Weren't you?? All I heard all night was:- "NOW THE BONUS".....

MOUNTAINEERS WIN DREAM GAME

In the feature event of the evening, Coach Tony Romano's Mountaineers eked out a 60-55 win over the Anthracite charges of Coach Bob McGeehan, WHHS tutor. Many fans seemed to forget that the participants in this game were only high school boys and the hissing and booing that resulted was certainly not called for and they deserved better than that. Demonstrations of that kind can throw the best of players off stride and that's just what happened Monday night.
