
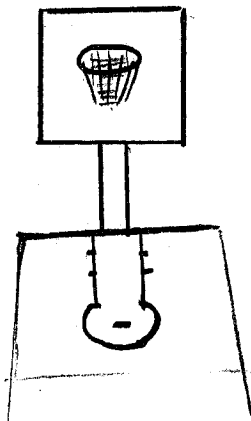


SPORTS



ACTIVITIES



Basketball

Highacres' only inter-collegiate sport, Basketball, completely pushed all other college interests aside this year as championship material from all over the region enrolled at Hazleton Center. Optimism, as to a Jr. College Championship, was voiced at the first organization meeting but our able athletic Supervisor, Mr. Preston Peightal, assumed the gathering that mere names cannot win championships but stressed "teamwork" as the '54 Hazleton team's motto.

With the resignation of 1953 coach, Frank Antinozzi, who obtained a teaching position in New Jersey, applications were taken to fill the vacant spot. After careful consideration a Penn State alumnus was selected — namely James "Zack" Taylor.

Zack compiled quite a record at HHS and Hazleton Center as a versatile high-scoring guard. In a pre-season interview with this scribe, Zack said his proudest moment occurred at Hazleton High School in 1947, when he helped stop Allentown's sixty-game winning streak by holding their ace Bill Wanish to five points. Little did he suspect what was in store for him as one of the youngest College coaches — 24 years old.

As the exciting Jr. College season drew to a close our own Lions were seated in a first place tie with York — after winning the "Big One" at HHS gym, 77 to 74.