

SPORTS

By FRED OWENS

Hastings Hawks Split Even In Last Week's Basketball Action

Loss To Cresson; Then Pass Up Montgomery

Cresson, defending champions of the Northern Cambria League moved into second place in the league standings last Wednesday night when they defeated Hastings-Edger High Hawks, 61-41, in a game at Hastings.

Cresson jumped off to a 12-8 first quarter lead, added a 12-11 margin in the second frame for a 24-19 lead at the half. The third period went to Cresson, 16-12 and the final round was also in the Indians favor, 21-10.

Inability to convert shots from the floor and loose ball-handling in the final period was the downfall of the Hawks. They made 14 of 58 shots from the floor and lost the ball on 28 different occasions. The loss of Rubus and Billie via the foul route also was no help to the Hawks.

Cresson made 7 of 13 fouls and the Hawks of Coach Felix Catalano completed 13 of 31 free tosses. Bob McGowan of Cresson was the high scorer with 24 points. His keen shooting and rebounding as well as his all-around floor play was certainly tough for the Hawks to stop. Top point getter for Hastings was Clair Abel with 13 as Dan Billie added 11 to the home team's cause. Nepe sunk 12 and Sheridan 12 for Cresson.

The varsity summary:

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| Cresson | GPT | Hastings | GPT |
| McGowan | 24 | Sheridan | 12 |
| Nepe | 12 | Billie | 11 |
| Murphy | 10 | Abel | 13 |
| Williams | 8 | Thomas | 9 |
| Clark | 8 | Thomas | 9 |
| French | 6 | Thomas | 9 |
| Furell | 0 | Thomas | 9 |

Totals 27 761 Totals 14 1341

Cresson Trips Patton Panthers, 51-33, Friday

Cresson High School Indians held on to their second place lead in the Northern Cambria League Friday night when they topped over the visiting Patton Panthers, 51-33, to climb to within a half-game of leading Nanty-Glo in the circuit.

Cresson, defending champions of the league as well as District 6, Class B honors, jumped off to a close margin in the first quarter and then put on a defensive display the remaining three periods. Cresson took a 15-10 margin in the first stanza and then added a 15-6 count in the second period to hold a 27-16 lead at the half. Continuing their attack, the Indians took the third frame, 11-5 to boost their lead to 38-24 at the end of three periods and finished off with a 13-9 fourth quarter count.

Patton's Russ Wharton was the high scorer in the game with 17 field goals and 3 fouls for 17 points. Nepe of Cresson was next in line with 12, and McGowan, Sheridan and Muricak each collected 11 for the Indian team.

The Cresson Junior Varsity team made it a clean sweep for the evening by defeating Patton Panther Cubs, 49-16, in the JV League preliminary game. Cresson JV's are in 3rd place and Patton JV's in 6th place in the standings. The varsity summary:

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|----------|-----|----------|-----|
| Cresson | GPT | Patton | GPT |
| McGowan | 24 | Wharton | 17 |
| Nepe | 12 | Sheridan | 11 |
| Murphy | 10 | Muricak | 11 |
| Williams | 8 | Clark | 8 |
| Clark | 8 | French | 6 |
| French | 6 | Furell | 0 |

Totals 14 1448 Totals 9 3012

SPORT SPOTS

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Our area basketball season is moving along rather fast and from our own observations it still looks like that Feb. 10th game between Cresson and Nanty-Glo will be the deciding factor as to what team will be crowned 1953-54 champions of the Class B Northern Cambria League.

This all-important game will be played at Cresson, and to date Nanty-Glo is the only team in the league that has defeated the defending champion Indians.

Another important factor concerning the Indians is the fact that before they meet the Rams on Feb. 10 they have three other league games to be played. This Friday, Jan. 29, the Indians will meet Gallitzin at Gallitzin and they must win this one to stay in the running. Then for the second game the Indians will play host to Barnesboro next Tuesday, Feb. 2. And still another obstacle in the Indian path is Lilly, a rather unpredictable outfit, that Cresson meets next Friday at Lilly. After Nanty-Glo on the 10th the Indian schedule reads: Hastings, Feb. 12; at Barnesboro, Feb. 16 and at Patton, Feb. 19.

Cresson could win the league crown again this year, but the season is far from being over. They already have been upset and those upsets can happen again. Still, if the Indians get the Rams with a good record, they will be out to win.

Last week's fighting outfit from Lilly High put the crush on favored Gallitzin, 54-53. And this game was played at Gallitzin. We imagine there was considerable weeping and clashing of locker doors in the losing quarter after that "bang-up" game.

Down Moshannon Valley way, PCI lasted league defeat for the first time in a long time last Friday when the Green Raiders of Moshannon Jt. High downed the Coalport boys to get sole possession of first place in that circuit. PCI, defending champions of the Moshannon Valley League, are now going to have to perk up and really play basketball if they want another league crown. It can be done. Coming up from behind to take a victory or a title is nothing new in the field of basketball.

As basketball stays in the area spot light, officials from Harrisburg announced several weeks ago that the new Northern Cambria League, Washington & Jefferson, Georgetown and Temple Keep posted as to dates of these games. It is certainly worth your while to see St. Francis in action this year.

A bit of this and that—McKeesport High is now rated as the largest school in Pennsylvania with a total enrollment of 3,376 students, in top four grades. The figures, compiled by the PIAA show Altoona High as the second largest with 3,133. Reading High is third with 3,046 pupils. Incidentally, these are the only schools in the state with over a 3,000 enrollment. Coach Jack Hart of Cresson Jt. High was the principal speaker at last Monday's banquet honoring Everett High's football team. . . . WHI Chamberlain, a 7-foot center for Philadelphia's Overbrook High went on a scoring spree last week in a game with Foxborough High. Chamberlain dumped in 71 points as his team won the game 114-51. Unconfirmed reports from the officials of Northern Cambria High, say that the first sport to be undertaken by this new Class A outfit will be track team this coming spring. . . . Saturday afternoon at 5:30 the live telecast of the Duke-Navy basketball game will be programmed over WFBQ-TV, Altoona.

St. Francis Wins By Two-To-One Edge On Mexico

The Red Flashes of St. Francis College of Loretto outclassed the University of Mexico, 98-50, last Saturday night in Altoona's Jaffa Mosque before 1,600 fans. It was the 11th win in 14 starts for the squad of Coach William (Skip) Hughes.

Dr. Hughes cleared the bench as Maurice Stokes paced the parade as the winners with 26 points. Bill Saller and Bob Watro followed with 15 and 10 points, respectively, for the Flashes.

The south-of-the-border players proved to be good ball handlers and fairly good sharpshooters but lacked the height to battle the Franks under the boards. The Franks opened with a 19-12 first quarter lead and never were headed. They added a 31-17 count in the second period to hold a 50-29 halftime lead, continued the attack with a 18-11 third-quarter margin for a 78-40 lead and then finished with a 20-10 last period round.

St. Francis, which meets Loyola of Chicago in Johnston's War Memorial Feb. 13, plays its next game against Lawrence Tech in Altoona next Saturday, Feb. 6, following a two-week lay-off for examinations. The summary:

| | | | |
|-------------|-----|----------|-----|
| St. Francis | GPT | Mexico | GPT |
| Milinski | 19 | Zumaya | 11 |
| Watro | 10 | Ovregon | 11 |
| Clark | 12 | Zambrano | 4 |
| Puschak | 2 | Manno | 3 |
| Parace | 2 | Gastan | 2 |
| Dugan | 4 | Serna | 2 |
| Mulle | 0 | Rivers | 0 |
| Trabel | 3 | Arenas | 2 |
| Ford | 1 | Reyes | 2 |
| Wandshin | 1 | | |
| Northeast | 1 | | |
| Widley | 1 | | |
| Giardina | 1 | | |

Totals 42 1496 Totals 18 1450

Weasel Bounty To Be Removed

The Pennsylvania Game Commission, at its January meeting, acted to remove the weasel from the bounty list effective June 1, 1954. The Game Commission has paid \$1.00 for the hide of this little animal for years.

Other bounty rewards will remain the same as at present until June 1, 1955. They are: \$4.00 for each gray or red fox and \$5.00 for each great horned owl, adult or fledgling, killed during all months excepting November and December.

Reasons given for removing the bounty from the weasel are: No positive proof exists that weasels limit the amount of small game for hunting; the high fur value of the animal assures a large harvest without special reward; at least three-quarters of all weasels taken would have been killed at farms and elsewhere whether a bounty was paid or not, and food habit studies show a great preponderance of the animal's diet is mice and other small rodents.

Lilly Shades Past Gallitzin, 54-53

Ron Zella's foul in the final second of play gave Lilly a last-second "big" 54-53, victory over Gallitzin late Friday evening in Northern Cambria League action. The game was played on the home floor of the Gremlins, also an added triumph for the Red Raiders.

The Gremlins looked good as they started fast with a 20-12 first quarter lead, but the Raiders were in the game for keeps as they took a 12-11 edge in the second period to take the victory, lead to 31-24 at the intermission. Still on an up-hill climb the visitors relinquished the third round to the home club, 13-10, and going into the final round it was Gallitzin, 44-34. But the Raiders weren't to be pushed around and they really came up from behind with a 26-9 margin in the closing period to take the victory.

The win left GHS with a 4-3 record in league standing to hold a third place tie with Lilly, who sports the same record.

The final quarter of the game was really a thriller-diller with Lilly pressing the home team to the very end. With only eight seconds remaining in the game Zella tied the game with a field goal for a 53-53 count. Then he was fouled, took two shots on the 3 minute ruling, made only one with 2 seconds to go and that was enough for the win.

Zella was the high scorer with 22 points and teammate George hit for 13. Salpino and Sorchetti, GHS forwards, each dumped in 16 points.

Gallitzin JV's won the Junior Varsity JV League game, 48-21. The varsity summary:

| | | | |
|---------|-----|-----------|-----|
| Lilly | GPT | Gallitzin | GPT |
| Conrad | 9 | Salpino | 13 |
| George | 13 | Sorchetti | 16 |
| Zella | 22 | Reyes | 16 |
| Conway | 4 | Muller | 10 |
| Suntak | 1 | Nickel | 10 |
| Konradi | 1 | Banders | 10 |

Totals 21 1254 Totals 83 781

Yeadon Winning Streak

Yeadon High School, a Class B school playing Class A basketball, and defending Class A Pennsylvania State titleholders, is currently holding the longest unbeaten skid in the state. Over the past week end they posted their 23rd victory in two seasons.



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Altoona Catholic Posts 76-53 Win Over Barnesboro

Altoona Catholic Raiders trimmed Barnesboro, 76-53, last Thursday night for their fourth win in 10 starts on the Barnesboro floor. The Dragons of Barnesboro had a 2-0 mark after the game.

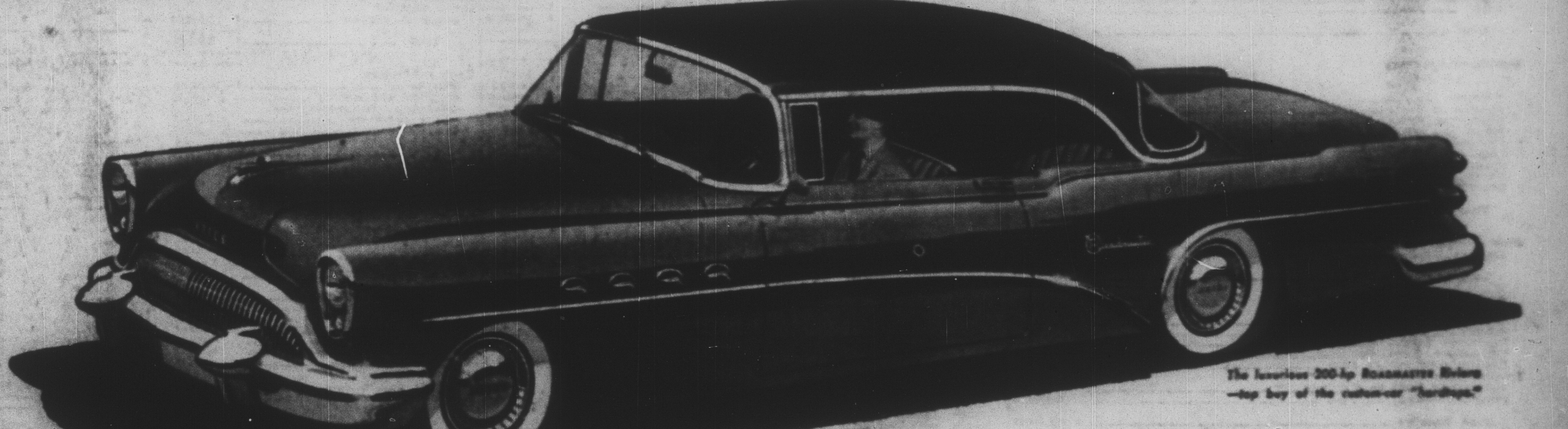
Coach Joe O'Barra's team pulled away to an early lead and were never behind. The visiting Altoona squad showed edges from four to nine points in each period. Altoona Catholic jumped off to a 20-14 lead at the end of the first quarter and added a 10-12 edge in the second stanza to go in at the intermission with a 30-26 count. It was Catholic again in the second half showing 17-13 and 23-14 margins in the final two rounds.

The winners converted 18 of 34 fouls compared to 15 of 25 for the home team of Coach Vic Chervenak. Chick Saller scorched the cords for 27 points for the visitors and Frank (Senny) Frontline scored the Dragons with 24 markers.

In the JV preliminary game the Altoona Catholic JV team netted a 50-35 win over the Dragon JV's. The varsity summary:

| | | | |
|-----------|-----|------------|-----|
| Altoona | GPT | Barnesboro | GPT |
| Frontline | 27 | Saller | 24 |
| Saller | 24 | Chervenak | 15 |
| Clark | 17 | Clark | 13 |
| Clark | 17 | Owen | 10 |
| Clark | 17 | Owen | 10 |
| Clark | 17 | Owen | 10 |
| Clark | 17 | Owen | 10 |

Totals 20 1076 Totals 10 1035



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