

As I was saying



Jack Hilsher

Having once successfully sneaked in a sports column, it may be time to try again. Same subject. Basketball. Sure has changed though. Once known as a non-contact sport, players today suffer as many bruises as in football.

Way before Canadian-born Dr. James Naismith (1861-1939) at Springfield, Mass. late in 1891 started things rolling, a 16th century Aztec game was played with a solid rubber ball.

If it was put through a stone ring high on one side of a stadium, the player was entitled to the clothing of all the spectators. The losing team's captain often lost his head by execution. (We might revert to that practice in years to come.)

Another even earlier game played by the Olmecs in Mexico, called Pok-ta-Pok, also resembled basketball in the concept of a ring through which a round object was passed.

Here are some historical records

Past hoop players still standing tall

of passing that round object through a hoop which probably never will be surpassed: Professional Ted St. Martin of Florida used two basketballs and two rebounders to make a record 230 free throws in 10 minutes at Park Mall, Tucson, Arizona in 1979.

Earlier St. Martin, of Jacksonville, Florida, scored 2,036 consecutive free throws! And in 1978 Fred Newman of San Jose, California made 88 consecutive free throws while blindfolded.

We've talked about "The Cooz" (Bob Cousy) making an impact with the Boston Celtics, but he was only 6'1". Now let's add another foot, plus an inch, Wilt Chamberlain at 7'2" weighed in at 275 pounds. "Wilt the Stilt," as he hates to be called, lives in a 22 room mansion in the Santa Monica Mountains overlooking Los Angeles, where he probably does not worry about when or whether his Social Security check arrives.

He was born in August 1936, attended high school in Philly and then Kansas University, where he averaged 30 points per season. Professionally he was with the Harlem Globetrotters, the 76ers and the LA Lakers.

Chamberlain was a lousy foul-shooter and coaches had a tough

time controlling him. He made his own race mad by not speaking out on important issues, and once he endorsed Richard Nixon.

His autobiography, "Wilt: Just Like Any Other 7-Foot Black Millionaire Who Lives Next Door," was blasted by critics and revealed an awesome appetite for the opposite sex.

But, hey! Those statistics! In '62 The Stilt averaged over 50 points per game. He is the first pro to hit 30,000 career points and to shoot 70% from the field.

Wilt had 55 rebounds in a single game and an all-time standard of 23,924. In close he could not be stopped. His dunks were so ferocious they actually scared players.

Chamberlain was scoring champion seven straight years (1960-66), MVP four times and All-Pro 1st Team seven times. Of course it seems like pennies today, but back then his 5-year Laker contract paid him \$3 million, highest ever then for a pro athlete.

In 1,045 games (1960-73) he never fouled out and he had the most rebounds per game, per season, and per lifetime. Let's see any one of today's overpaid primadonnas match those stats!

Businesses trim a tree to help charities

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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HARVEYS LAKE - The holiday spirit is already in full swing for some area businesses. Grotto Pizza at Harveys Lake hosted the "Parade of Trees" charity fund raiser Monday night. Businesses were invited to represent a charity organization of their choice and decorate a tree in its honor.

Visitors can buy votes for their favorite trees. The bulk of the collected funds will go to the charity represented by the winning tree.

"Half of the businesses entry fees of \$500 will go to their charity no matter what, and the other half goes into the pot for the winners. Two winners will be selected," said Liz Kocher, chairperson of the event. "It's a win-win situation."

Although this event has been happening in the Delaware Grotto's for a few years, this is the first year that the local Grotto has sponsored it. "Last year the Delaware stores raised in excess of \$60,000. We would like to see that happen here. We'd like to see this grow a considerable amount," said Armand Mascioli, Grotto co-owner.

The businesses have been very receptive to the idea. "It doesn't surprise me how enthusiastic people have been. They want to help," Mascioli explained.

"The most important aspect of this is the sponsorship for a great cause," said Don Manly, L.T. Verrastro Inc., representing the Arthritis Association. "It's great whenever you can get involved and help."



Joe Ranelli and Nancy Answini trimmed the Joseph P. Gilroy Realtor tree at the Grotto Pizza Parade of Trees.

Even with the charitable atmosphere, there was a hint of competition in the air. "We're here to win for the Cancer Society," said a determined Susan Donahoe, of Premium Brands.

The spacious restaurant served its purpose well. All 12 compa-

nies and their trees fit nicely, and all agreed it was a fun time getting together for great causes, eating pizza, and decorating trees.

The trees will be on display until Dec. 23, when the winner will be chosen. Donations will be accepted until then.

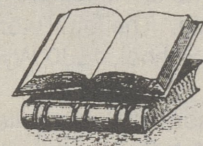
Parade of Trees sponsors and charities

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Grotto Pizza: Arthritis Foundation.

LIBRARY NEWS



By NANCY KOZEMCHAK

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is offering for sale the Entertainment '97 and the Dine-a-Mate books at \$25 each.

These books include dinner coupons at nice area restaurants, half-price at many hotels, dry cleaning and video rentals, coupons for car washes, fast food restaurants, etc.

They would make great Christmas gifts. The Entertainment '97 books will only be available through December 15.

We are still accepting recipes for a children's cookbook, as a fund raiser for the new children's

Coupon books now on sale

wing. Recipes should be appropriate for children up to 12 years of age. These may be dropped off at the library.

New books at the library: The Fatal Gift by H. Michael Frase is the story of the dilemma of Kasey Riteman. Imagine that you were the secret witness to a sadistic killing, that only the victim was aware of your hidden presence at the scene and that you were too paralyzed with fear to answer her silent pleas for help. Suspense fiction with drive and surprises.

"Murder, She Meowed" by Rita Mae Brown begins with the annual steeplechase races at Montpelier, once the home of James and Dolley Madison, which is the high point in the social calendar of the horse-mad Virginians of cozy Crozet. No one expects the day to end in tragedy, however, found dead in the main barn is one of the day's riders, a knife

plunged through the jockey's heart.

"The Main Corpse" by Diane Mott Davidson is about Goldy, owner of Goldilocks' Catering, who just barely weathered a disastrous spring in which relentless rains and driving snow put a real damper on her business. Now, thanks to her friend, Marla, she is suddenly cooking up a storm: lovingly preparing special food for her wealthy new client, Prospect Financial Partners.

"The Keys to The Street" by Ruth Rendell is set in and around London's Regent's Park, where the city's wealthiest, poorest, kindest and most vicious citizens all cross paths. It tells the deadly thanks a young woman risks receiving in return for an act of selfless generosity. Mary will discover an answer for donating her own bone marrow to save a life.

Lois Jane Kaminski publishes poetry

Lois Jane Kaminski has just had original poetry published in "Through the Hour Glass," a treasury of contemporary poetry published by The National Library of Poetry. The poem is titled "The Puppeteer" and the main subjects are the author and her late husband, "Hank" Kaminski, who was a counter clerk at the Dallas Post Office.

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