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FRIARS RESUME BASKETBALL

COLLEGE REVIVES TEAM ON LIMITED SCALE THIS YEAR

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Coach Ed Crotty Will Begin
Drills Soon; Squad Based
on Ex-Schoolboy Stars

Providence College, after a lapse of one year, has decided to resume basketball this season on a limited scale, it was announced yesterday by the Rev. A. B. Begley, O. P., director of athletics.

The Friars were enjoying their best campaign in many years two seasons back until calls to army and navy took virtually the entire squad as all members of the first and second teams departed to the armed services. Because of that and because Providence College became an "army school," and army trainees were not allowed to compete in collegiate athletics, the sport was abandoned.

When a number of former schoolboy basketball players now attending the Dominican college requested that a team be formed, college authorities decided to re-enter the hoop wars, though the prospects for a strong quintet are far from bright.

Coach Ed Crotty will begin practice soon. He will have a completely inexperienced squad so far as college basketball is concerned, but hopes that the manifest enthusiasm will offset to some extent the lack of experience. Some of the probable players did well enough in schoolboy circles and might be welded into a businesslike team.

A few games have been arranged already and it is likely that the Friars will oppose both Rhode Island State and Brown in addition to near-by college and service quintets.

Ex-Friar Gridiron Star Killed in Pacific Action

P.J. 1/5/45

Lt. (j. g.) Joe Pliska, of Fitchburg, Mass., former football star at Providence College, has been killed in action in the Pacific, officials of the college learned yesterday. Pliska was killed in the battle for Leyte when the destroyer on which he served was lost.

Pliska progressed steadily scholastically and athletically during his years at P. C. and, as a Sophomore, was awarded the Friars' medal for showing the greatest improvement during Spring football practice. He was a tackle.

He was graduated in December, 1942 and, in February, 1943, was ordered to the Midshipman's School at Notre Dame, where he was commissioned. Subsequently, he served as an instructor in naval classes at Ohio State before going to sea.

R. I. STATE CAGERS BOOK FRIAR TILTS

Rams' Schedule Now Complete

With Total of 23

Court Games

The addition of two games with Providence College to Rhode Island State College's basketball schedule was announced last night at Kingston.

The home-and-home series with the Friars, and games with the Endicott Naval Training Corps' team and Brooklyn Polytech complete the Rams' schedule.

The first game with Providence will be at Providence on Feb. 8 and the second at Kingston on March 1, two days before the Rams' final game against the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

The Ram Breaks Out

11/14/44

—By Maier



Crotty Facing Problems In Reorganizing Quintet

Lack of Experience in Friar
Squad; Opponents Spotted

Both Height, Weight

P.J. 1/15/43

BY BARNEY MADDEN

After an absence of a year, Providence College is returning to the basketball wars and has a new theme song—"What a difference a year makes."

In the 1942-43 campaign, Coach Ed Crotty developed one of the best teams ever to represent the Dominican College, a team that scored 15 victories in 20 games, despite the gradual reduction of the squad by summons to the armed services.

By the end of that season, the entire squad, first and second teams, had entered the services and the sport was abandoned. Providence College then became an "army" school, which meant no competitive sports for the men sent there by Uncle Sam.

This season, the students requested that the team be reorganized and as a consequence Crotty is confronted by one of the most stupendous problems a coach ever encountered at a school where basketball has really flourished. He has a squad of little fellows, most of them boys of 17 years of age, and the aggregate experience of the aspirants, no matter how it is examined, totals precisely zero as far as intercollegiate competition is concerned.

The squad is not only bereft of college experience, but it is very small numerically and physically. The current "first team" averages five feet, nine inches in height and its leading performer, at the moment, Leo LaBossiere of Sacred Heart in Central Falls, boasts 122 pounds in weight and 65½ inches in height, or, five feet, five and one-half inches.

Full of Pep

However, if willingness to learn, eagerness to make the grade, and everlasting trying during the practice sessions mean anything, the Friars will have a presentable team. These lads are full of pep and are trying to master the methods of combatting size and strength by speed and agility.

Even though the young Friars have never played college ball, nor for that matter, much high school ball, they are industrious students of the game and are learning fast. They are quick, shoot pretty well and are ambitious. Of course, the prospect of spotting opponents about five or six inches and 30 pounds a man leaves them somewhat apprehensive, but their mates in P. C. wanted a team and these kids are going to give them the best they can.

Right now, the top team comprises LaBossiere and Pete Vangel of Woonsocket, forwards; Ted Horan of St. Raphael, center, and Dick Whalen of La Salle and John Boyle of Mount Pleasant, guards.

Whalen was a football player at La Salle and a member of the academy's second squad in basketball; Boyle played a little for the Highlanders. A Freshman (as are virtually all squad members) he has just turned 18, but already has had a year's service in the navy; Vangel, also 18, is waiting his army call. Horan played a little at St. Raphael.

Thus, from the vital statistics, it can be easily deduced that no powerhouse is in the offing at P. C. It will be a team based on speed, ball handling and loads of shooting practice. Since there is no real height available, it behooves the Friars to learn to shoot well, inasmuch as their first pop at the basket will generally be their last. They are not likely to retrieve many rebounds.

Have Ground to Cover

Whalen is six-two and Doyle six feet, but they lack the experience and savvy to make effective use of their height. They have progressed since practice started, but still have considerable ground to cover. Horan is five-six, Vangel five-seven.

It is possible that a few additions to the squad will be made before the season opens on Jan. 19, since two or three players of high school experience are planning to enroll for the new semester which starts on Jan. 18.

Others on the squad, all without previous experience in college sports, are John Carr of De La Salle, Joe Parente, Ted Daly and Hubert Dolan of La Salle; Jim Shevlin, John LaPoutre and Roger Dwyer of Woonsocket, and Wilfred SanSouci of Hope. Daly and LaPoutre are the only Sophomores on the squad.

The Friars have nine games scheduled now, and expect to add six more. They will play home-and-home series with Brown and Rhode Island State. The Providence tilt with the Rams is scheduled for the Auditorium.

The schedule:

Jan. 19, Gould Island Navy; 22, Brown; 26, Hedron; 29, Brown at Marvel Gym.

Feb. 6, Northeastern; 8, R. I. State at Auditorium; 17, Connecticut at Storrs; 24, CASU.

March 1, Rhode Island at Kingston.

11/29/44
CALL on SPORTS

***Friars View Demands
Of Physical Fitness
With New Gym Drive***



By **GEORGE FARRAR, JR.**

That there will be demands of people in all walks of life for more diversified athletics and more needs for adequate sports facilities of all types is being taken lightly in many quarters, but Providence College authorities, Friar alumni and other persons interested in the welfare of education and physical fitness cannot be and don't care to be bracketed in this category.

Like so many other colleges and universities, Providence College envisions a postwar boom in sports. It also realizes that the government is planning to increase demands on all institutions of learning for a highly accelerated physical fitness program to embrace every type of student.

See Uncle Sam's Handwriting

Friars know the government will not request, but will insist that its halls of learning be augmented by a program to cultivate better physical specimens. Dominican authorities have ideas which they believe will answer Uncle Sam's wants and at the same time supply the college with much needed improvements in the line of an athletic site.

Not only have they ideas for postwar construction, but they are putting these plans in vogue now so that construction of a gymnasium to replace Harkins hall will go forward when the war ceases and thus accord them opportunities to reap benefits of the sports boom that is certain to follow.

A special "one thousand dollar" dinner will be held in Biltmore hotel tonight, while a giant rally of 1,200 alumni and solicitors will be held to greet Lieut. Comdr. James H. Crowley, U.S.N.R., one of the immortal Four Horsemen of Notre Dame, tomorrow night in Harkins hall.

The \$1,000 dollar dinner tonight is headed by Gov. J. Howard McGrath as honorary chairman and previews opening efforts of Providence College to raise \$350,000 for a fund to build an adequate gymnasium. The drive for this amount starts Friday and continues through Dec. 23.

Main objective of the governor's dinner is to interest friends of the college in higher brackets in the need of a gymnasium on the college campus. Commander Crowley's visit from Sampson, N. Y., is expected to instill enthusiasm into alumni and friends of the college.

From a small team with little equipment, Providence College became Eastern intercollegiate diamond champion. The 1924 season proved the turning point in baseball history at the college when the late Jack Flynn, major league star first baseman, assumed coaching duties.

Within three days after accepting the coaching position, Flynn discovered Providence College's greatest pitcher, Charlie Reynolds, the same tall, husky figure who now holds the position of commissioner of boxing in Rhode Island. Upon Flynn's death, his associate, Jack Egan, became the guiding hand of baseball.

Architects' plans for the new gymnasium will call for construction of one of the most beautiful buildings on the campus. It will house facilities for many minor sports and thereby will give an added number of students an opportunity to compete in some form of athletics, other than just football, basketball and baseball.

From Friars To 'Fire Horsemen'

Down at Rodman hall, Kingston, Coach Frank Keaney has completed his basketball schedule for his "Fire Horse" basket tossers, with two games against Providence College in the spotlight. Rams are set for a Providence appearance Feb. 8 and then shoot down state for a return game March 1.

Highlights of Keaney's schedule are contests with Brooklyn Polytech and Yeshiva on Feb. 24 and 27, respectively. Yeshiva, a new name as far as basketball fans are concerned hereabouts, is a liberal arts college in New York city and has an enrollment of over 260 male students, pitting Rams against an institution which has nearly double its male potential from which to draw for material.

After four games at home and then a vacation, the next game for Rams comes up on Jan. 6 when they meet St. John's of Brooklyn in Madison Square Garden. Games can't start soon enough for Little Rhody's representatives and their cohorts, but when the curtain rolls down on their 23-game schedule, two of which already have been written into the victory side of the ledger, they will have had their fill.

Knows What Servicemen Want

The former Notre Dame immortal and ex-Fordham head coach, who has been named president of a new professional football league which plans to operate after the armistice, has been in charge of Navy athletics in southwest Pacific and should startle a few of the more self-composed minds with his revelation of what men in the service not only will expect, but will demand—especially in the sports world, once they have returned as civilians.

When a new gymnasium is erected on Smith hill—and there seems no doubt that the drive will go over the top—look for P. C. to assume the spotlight in all college sports in Rhode Island, if not New England. It has started on a small scale this year to resume intercollegiate athletics, abandoned at the start of the war, on the basketball court.

Its club may not be a power in this area but it will help bring the school's name more forcefully to the front. It was from humble beginnings that Friars became famous in New England athletic competition and from its same meek start in basketball this season it is anticipated that it again will claim its place among the elite of this section's athletically-minded colleges.

Friars won their first game of football in 1921 by beating Boston College, Fred Huggins being the coach. Archie Golenbeski, a Holy Cross graduate, took over the varsity grid reins in 1926 and P. C. played the Crusaders, Fordham, St. John's, Colgate, Syracuse, Williams, Springfield, Norwich, Army and Catholic university under his leadership. Joe McGee of this city, an alumnus, succeeded Golenbeski as football coach in 1934 and enjoyed remarkable success.

Baseball Fame Soars

Basketball under the leadership of Al (General) McClellan of Salem (Mass.) high school brought out championship material. It was baseball, however, that brought the college its greatest success story.

COACHES NAMED FOR CYO STAR TILT

The names of the coaches selected to handle the Eastern and Western All-Stars when the clubs meet in the opener of a double-header, featuring the annual meeting of Providence College and Rhode Island State, at Rhode Island Auditorium, Thursday evening, Feb. 8, were announced last night by CYO Athletic Director Archie Cardillo.

The teams, comprising the "cream" of the Intermediate Basketball League, sponsored by the CYO in Providence, will conduct their first practices this week. Paul (Lefty) Fauchcourt, Assumption, and James Flynn, St. Thomas, will be in charge of the Eastern All-Stars, while Leo Walsh, St. Mary's, and Tony Fionte, Mount Carmel, will handle the other squad.

The squads will be decided upon following the scheduled practices. Every member will be notified individually. The league coaches have nominated their players who number 14 in the Eastern Section and 17 in the Western Section.

Basketball Heads Providence Upsurge

By HUCK FINNEGAN

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 16—Providence College is on the verge of an athletic renaissance—it hopes. Celebrating its silver anniversary (Conditia 1919) the college

is in the throes of a drive for a new \$300,000 gymnasium, and already has attained two-thirds of its financial goal. Also, against the day when it has the gym, it is resuming basketball after a year's layoff.

From the looks of the squad with which Head Coach Ed Crotty is working, the gym will be realized before a winning basketball team. Only seven candidates have reported, six of whom never even had high school experience.

It wasn't ever thus. Quite the contrary. Two years ago, in fact, Crotty's varsity won 15, lost five, averaged 62 points a game and was the second highest scorer in the nation (RI State led). And three years ago Providence won 14, lost 6, counting high flying State among its victims.

Those days are gone, however—for the duration. Providence today has an enrollment of only 160 (it lost 500 army trainees last March 16). Normal enrollment is 850. The material it has today couldn't make a pre-war freshman eleven, and it is doubtful if any of the boys could make Somerville High's first team.

But Crotty is plodding along. "We may be able to outsmart some of the bigger teams," he prays. "At any rate we've made a start."

TEAM HAD LATE START

Rather late start, as it were. The boys have been out only three weeks because Crotty was busy coaching the line for Rip Engle's Brown varsity eleven which closed against Colgate Nov. 25. "But our first game isn't until Jan. 19," says Crotty, so that the team may look respectable by that date.

Providence knows its strength (or weakness) and was hoping to schedule opponents of the lower brackets. But it finds itself engaging Brown (2), RI State (2) which probably means four lickings. It may do better against Northeastern, American International and such opposition.

At any rate, here is the squad: Leo LaBossiere, forward (17, 5-5, 122). From Sacred Heart Academy, Central Falls, R. I.

Ed Horn, forward (17, 5-7, 135). From St. Raphael's, Pawtucket.

Pete Vangel, center (18, 5-7, 135). Vangel has passed his induction physical and may be called late in January.

Dick Whalen, guard (17, 5-11, 160). Good football player under Jack Cronin at LaSalle Academy, second stringer in basket-

ball. Looks like team's ace.

John Boyle, guard (18, 5-10, 155). Already hold Navy discharge, but is subject to reclassification.

"That's it," said Crotty, then remembered John Carr, 139 pounds, from De La Salle, Newport, and Roger Dwyer, 140, from Woonsocket High. That's his entire squad, no foolin'.

"Some of the high schools down here have January graduations," he added. "They may feed us something. We're just hoping."

It will be a lean year, no question. But at least they're on the road back. They hope to "arrive" simultaneously with the gym.

Crotty is a Notre Dame, '37 grad. He played football as a soph under Elmer Layden, was injured so seriously in his junior year no branch of the service will take him. He's a Danbury, Ct., boy, coached the high school there in '37, moved to Providence as Hugh Devore's grid aide in '38, also head basket coach. He may be head football coach at war's end. Providence gave up football after the '41 season but Crotty has kept his finger in. He scouted for Brown's Skip Stahley in '42, coached his ends in '43 and coached the Brown line for Rip Engle the past fall . . . Providence is justifiably proud of its service record. Its alumni numbers only 4000, of whom 2600 are in the armed forces. It has 43 gold stars on its flag. Providence is the only college in the U. S. run by Dominicans.

Murray Kramer will preview Bowdoin's basketball campaign in Monday's Record.

Bob Ruffin Lucky To Draw With Greco

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—Bobby Ruffin, fancy-fighting 137-pounder from Long Island City, climbed off the canvas twice last night to earn a draw with Johnny Greco of Montreal in a thrill-packed 10-rounder before a near-capacity crowd in Madison Square Garden.

RANGLES QUEEN WINS

Randles Queen captured the featured sixth at Charles Town, an \$800 claiming event for three-year-olds and up. Carrying 111 pounds the winner went the Charles Town course, between six and seven furlongs, in 1:19 2-5.

P. C. Returns to Basketball In Torpedo Station Set-to

Game Tonight First for Friars
Since Services Took Squad

Two Seasons Ago

FRIDAY JAN 1 9 1945

BY BARNEY MADDEN

Providence College, out of basketball since the army and navy' took its entire squad season before last, returns to sports tonight, entertaining the Naval Torpedo Station team from Newport at Harkins Hall at 8:15 o'clock.

Because of the smallness of the Friar squad, and the recent additions to the sailor forces, P. C. adherents fear that "entertain" is precisely what their boys will do because not much is expected other than a lot of spirit and hustle, and if practice sessions mean anything, the young Friars will have plenty of both.

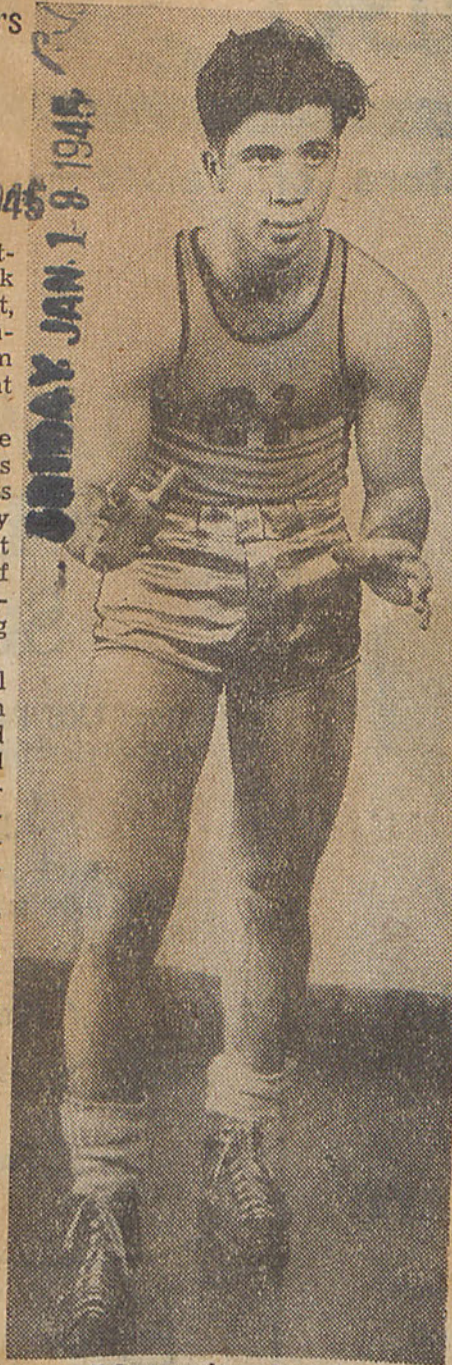
It is probable that the Friars will send the smallest college team extant into action, but Coach Ed Crotty hopes that his quintet will compensate with speed and aggressiveness for the lack of other physical attributes—and the lack of experience. The squad is almost entirely composed of Freshmen.

Leo LaBoissiere, all 122-pounds of him, will open at one of the forward spots, with Ted Horan as his running mate; Pete Vangel is slated to start at center, Johnny Boyle and Dick Whalen at the guards.

That group has developed pretty well under Crotty's drilling, a drilling, incidentally, which featured large gobs of work on fundamentals, because none of the starters has played college ball and even their high school experience has been limited. However, they are speedy and have become reasonably good ball handlers and shots.

In shooting there will always be a big problem for this team, the lack of height making it imperative that the boys sink their first pop because they are not likely to get many rebounds.

John Arzoomanian, one of the State's leading scorers at Central last season, has registered at P. C. and probably will play part of the game tonight, along with Bob Corey, former Hope star and a navy veteran. Corey recently entered P. C. too, but has not rounded into good playing condition but, despite that, Crotty plans to use him on a part-time basis tonight.



Johnny Arzoomanian

Friars Return to Court; Top Gould Island Quintet, 50-45

Labossiere, Ted Horan Lead
Green, Scrappy Team to

Victory Over Sailors
SATURDAY JAN 20 1945

BY MICHAEL J. THOMAS

The lights went on again in the Harkins Hall Gymnasium on Providence College's campus after a 2-year dimout last night and the occasion marked a richly earned 50-to-45 triumph for a young, green but scrappy Friar basketball team over the Naval Air Facility's quintet from Gould Island, Newport.

Trailing, but never distantly, through most of the action-packed battle, the Friars, paced by two sharp-shooting lightweights, Leo Labossiere and Ted Horan, put on a whirlwind finish to turn the tide of battle their way after it appeared the superior height, experience and savvy of their foes would be the determining factors.

Labossiere and Horan, who between them notched better than two-thirds of the Friars' scoring, had the enemy bewildered in the late stages with their accurate firing and passing, and their scintillating twin performance far and away over-shadowed all other developments in a game that had the small but enthusiastic gathering roaring on its feet at the finish.

Though Labossiere and Horan, who netted 19 and 16 points, stood out above the rest, there were others who contributed to the Friars' successful inaugural, notably John Arzoomanian and Bob Corey, neither of whom were in the starting cast. Arzoomanian, besides doing a fine defensive job, chipped in with 13 points and Corey, who entered the battle in the second half, helped to stabilize materially what had been a shaky defense.

It wasn't until the second half that the Friars, far speedier and employing a fast-breaking attack, really hit their offensive peak, for they trailed by 21 to 18 after the first 20 minutes. The Newporters had the opportunity to pile up a greater lead in the first half, but errant marksmanship cost them many points.

Baskets by Arzoomanian and Horan put the Friars on level terms at 21-all soon after the second half opened, but the Newporters got rolling again and pulled away to a 27-to-21 lead. At this point, it appeared the enemy had too much for the Friars, but the collegians suddenly broke out with a powerhouse attack that had the Newporters reeling.

O'Connor of the Newporters was waved out with 10 minutes to go and Arzoomanian left three minutes from the end. . . . The Friars play Brown next Monday night in a game that will mark the first time a Brown team ever has played on the Friars' court.

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE (50)			GOULD ISLAND (45)				
	G.	F.	P.		G.	F.	P.
Lab'ssiere,lf	8	3	19	Quinlan,lf	5	1	11
Horan,rf	6	4	16	Baptie,lf	0	0	0
Arzoomanian,rf	5	3	13	Blake,rf	4	0	8
Vangel,c	0	0	0	Not'angelo,rf	0	3	3
Boyle,lg	0	0	0	Davis,c	4	1	9
Corey,lg	0	0	0	O'Connor,lg	2	3	7
Whalen,rg	0	2	2	Kapa,rg	1	0	2
				Murphy,rg	2	1	5
Total	19	12	50	Total	18	9	45
Referees—Towner and Mullen.	Time—20-minute periods.						

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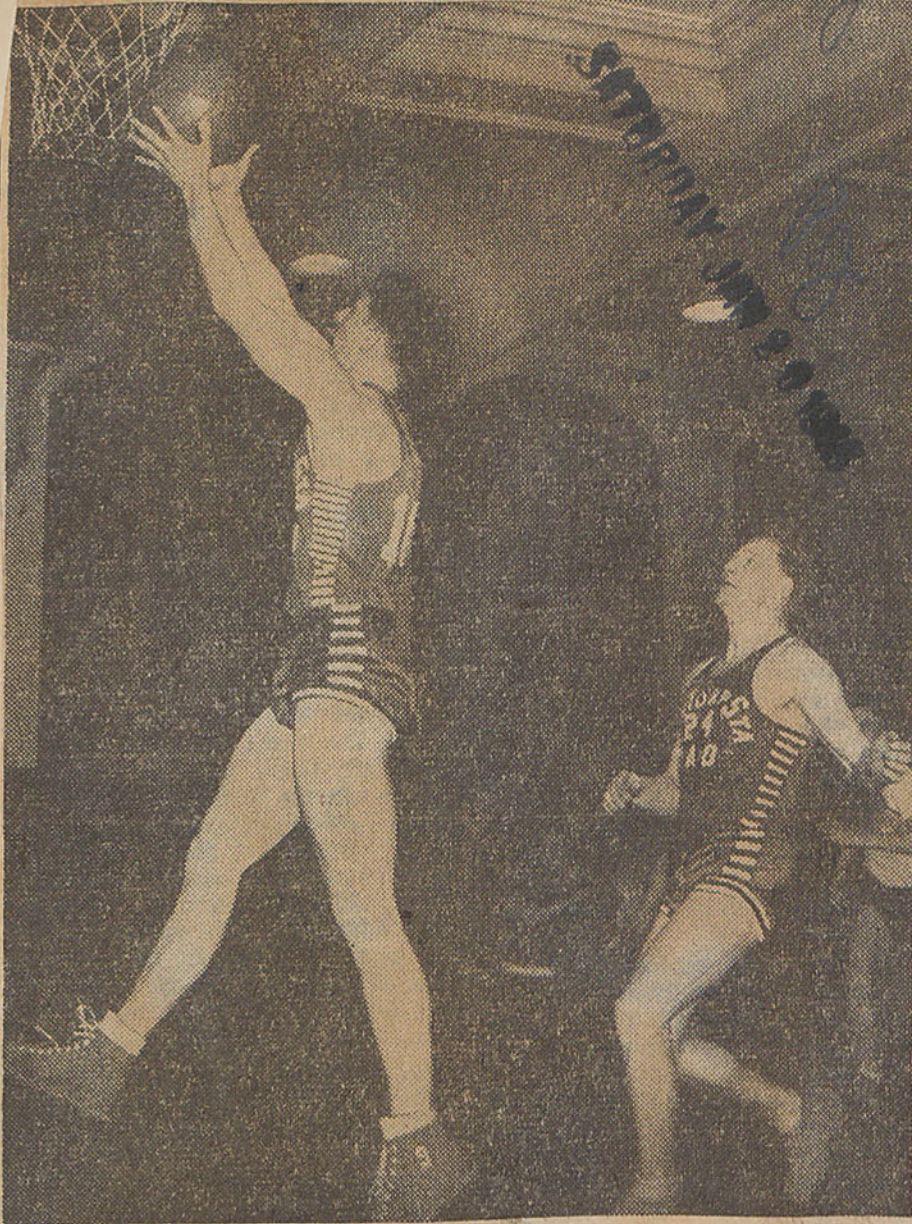
The Friars, in short order, tied the count at 29-all when Horan notched three points and Arzoomanian and Horan followed with baskets. The Newporters forged ahead, 32 to 29, on a basket and a foul, but Labossiere then took over, and notching nine straight points on four baskets and a field goal, put the Friars ahead, 38 to 35, with seven minutes remaining.

A brilliant scoring spur by the 122-pound Sacred Heart Academy product, definitely marked the turning point. The Friars were to lose the lead, 39 to 38, soon afterward when Murphy and Quinlan netted successive baskets for the enemy, but they obviously were inspired by Labossiere's feat and their play picked up decidedly thereafter.

Arzoomanian tied it up with a foul shot, 39 to 39, and Horan then came through with three baskets on smartly executed plays which gave the Friars a 45-to-39 advantage. The Newporters made a gallant bid to stage a counterattack with three minutes remaining, but Horan's field goals had done irreparable damage. The Friars smartly played it safe until time ran out.

Horan, who sprained his ankle and had to leave early after making the first basket, re-entered the game a few minutes before the first half ended and continued on gamely thereafter despite the handicap. . . . The Gould team was late in arriving and it wasn't until 8:35 p. m. that action started, 20 minutes after scheduled time. . . . Ed Crotty, obviously elated at directing the Friars again, has done an excellent job with his material. . . . The Newporters have been campaigning in the Narragansett Bay League. . . . Each team lost one man on fouls. . . .

Denting the Friar Basket



Tom O'Connor of the Gould Island basketball team shown scoring a basket on a breakaway with Tom Davis in first half of game against Providence College at Harkins Hall last night. The Friars trailed until the late stages but then rallied to win, 50 to 45.

Tonight's Bruin-Friar Tilt Opens Busy R. I. Hoop Week

Coast Guard, Tufts Fives to
Meet Brown; Rams Play
Hawks Again

MONDAY JAN 22 1941

BY BARNEY MADDEN

Something that never happened before—a Brown-Providence College game in Harkins Hall, the Friars' home court—will be presented tonight, not only establishing a precedent but also ushering in a week of concerted basketball activity that should give the pop sports' public plenty of pleasure.

Following tonight's joust, will be a Brown-Coast Guard Academy game Wednesday night at Marvel Gymnasium; a P. C.-Hedron tilt Friday night at Harkins Hall and a Brown-Tufts engagement Saturday night at Marvel gymnasium while State's rollicking Rams are entertaining St. Joseph's, their vis-a-vis of last Saturday, at Kingston.

As if the lads were anticipating this week's heavy program, they indulged in a series of antics over the week end that generated plenty of conversation, for the State's trio of college quintets battled for precisely 1000 in that stretch. State spanked St. Joseph's in Convention Hall, Philadelphia; Brown, conqueror of Connecticut in the opening week of the campaign, repeated the process with emphasis here, and P. C. on Friday night, accomplished the utterly unexpected by tripping the Naval Air Facility five from Gould Island.

Consequently when the Friars and Bruins square off at 8:15 tonight they will be in high gear. Coach Ed Crotty of the Friars, who is Brown's line coach, too, has done a grand job of bringing the lads along and probably will remind his superior officer in the Brown football picture, Coach Rip Engle, that his Bears had better look out, tangling with an undefeated team as they will be.

BASKETBALL

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE
vs. BROWN UNIVERSITY

HARKINS HALL—TONIGHT at 8 P. M.

ADMISSION 75c

Servicemen and Children 50c

MONDAY JAN 22 1941

Tribute to Friendly Feeling

Brown never visited P. C. for basketball before but this junket is a tribute to the friendly feeling that exists between the schools, a feeling aided and abetted by Crotty's "lend-lease" coaching at Brown the past two football seasons.

Brown, naturally, is a heavy favorite, but the frisky little Friars hope to worry them some. Against Gould Island the Crotty Kids never stopped trying, accomplished a lot by their everlasting hustle and refusal to be discouraged, and made a lot of hay when Leo LaBossiere and Ted Horan started sniping so successfully.

Crotty will use the same team that started against Gould Island in all probability, inserting Johnny Arzooonian and Bob Corey before the game is very old. That pair helped greatly Friday.

The Friars had their game

NOT ENOUGH POINTS

by S.R. Barber



WESTERLY REBUTTAL!

ENGLE'S BEST BRUIN TEAM MEETS THE FRIARS TOMORROW



PROVIDENCE COLLEGE



GOULD ISLAND

SUNDAY JAN 21 1945

FRANK ANNING

TO FRIAR ADHERENTS: THIS IS THE TEAM YOU ASKED FOR - THEY'RE GREEN BUT GAME - NOW BACK 'EM UP!

BROWN JAUNTS OVER P. C., 71-36

TUESDAY JAN 23 1945

Bruins' Quintet Outclasses Small But Scrappy Friars

Losers Battle Furiously in
First Tilt Against College
Team; Bach Sets Pace

TUESDAY JAN 23 1945
BY BARNEY MADDEN

Brown's basketball forces made their first invasion of Providence college last night and, after consuming six or seven minutes orientating themselves to the limited confines of Harkins Hall, sped blithely away to a 71-to-36 victory over the small but scrappy Friars.

Neither team could do much in the opening minutes and the Friars were ahead 5 to 4, after four minutes of play, but tall Tom Culbertson and jumping Johnny Bach dropped in nifty field goals that gave the Bruins an 8-5 edge and the impetus they needed to forge into a steadily increasing lead.

This particular Brown team possesses undoubted class. It has size, speed and excellent teamwork, whereas the Friars are small, inexperienced and were playing only their second game. That lineup of circumstances made a Brown victory

a foregone conclusion but, despite that the Friars battled furiously and were still doing their best in the last seconds of play.

P. C. is resuming basketball this season after a lapse since the 1943-44 campaign, when the armed services took the entire basketball personnel, including the managers, and naturally the job of rebuilding is tremendous. The Friars, playing a college team for the first time, did well enough under the circumstances, but were a poor match for the larger and more versatile Bruins.

Superiority Apparent

Brown's physical superiority became apparent early, and the zone defense the Bruins employed frustrated a succession of Friar scoring attempts. When the Friars did shoot from afar, their prospects of getting rebounds were virtually nil.

By holding the Friars out, Brown was able to curtail the scoring and by controlling the boards was able to keep possession of the ball a good part of the time.

For 10 minutes, however, the frisky little Friars clung tenaciously to the Bruins, executed their plays quite well, and were behind only 10-5.

Then, however, Bach, Culbertson and Capt. Woody Grimshaw functioned on the business end of good plays and upped the margin to 16-7. Bob Corey and Capt. Leo LaBoisiere banked in lengthy field goals that reduced the deficit to 16-11, but the Bruins were well warmed up now, had the situation figured out nicely, and soon were winging away. At halftime, they were in the van, 38 to 19, after having scored three straight field goals in the final minute.

Brown really wrapped up the verdict in the opening minutes of the second half as they rattled off 10 points, uninterrupted. Leading, 48-19 now, Coach Rip Engle inserted his second team in toto and that band of warriors kept up the driving tactics and had stretched the margin to 57-25 with 10 minutes to play.

No Free Throws

In the closing half of the period, Brown didn't shoot any free throws, but elected to take the ball out-of-bounds and try setting up plays. From that point to the end, the Bruins rarely took a shot that wasn't from in close, and repeatedly worked on their plays until they had shaken a man loose directly under the Friars' hoop.

Over the route, Bach was the leading gunner with 16 points. Culbertson added 10, Grimshaw 11 and Roth, the spearhead of the second team's attack, nine. Johnny Arzoomanian paced the Friars with nine points and lost a few others when the officials ruled that he had travelled before shooting. Corry, several pounds overweight, did a good job in the Friars' backcourt, as well as heaving in three long field goals.

It was an unusual game in one respect—every player involved scored at least two points and all except Al Hartley of the Bruins tossed in at least one field goal. Hartley converted five free throws, with two of his free flips coming after he, personally, had thrown what was perhaps the best block by a Bruin since John McLaughry's football days.

TUESDAY JAN 23 1945
THE BROWN COLLEGE

BROWN		PROV. COLL.				
G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.	
Hartley,lf.	0	5	Arzoom'n,lf.	2	5	9
Bussey,lf.	2	0	Vaugh,lf.	1	0	2
Grimsh'w,rf.	5	1	Whalen,rf.	1	1	3
Gates,rf.	2	0	Horan,rf.	2	1	5
Bach,c.	8	0	LaBoisiere,c.	3	0	6
Reese,c.	1	0	Boyle,lg.	2	1	5
Culberts'n,lg.	3	4	Corry,rg.	3	0	6
Roth,lg.	4	1				
Zuber,rg.	3	0				
Phillips,rg.	2	0				

Totals .. 30 11 71 Totals .. 14 8 36
Referees—Mullen and Townner.

—By Lanning

TUESDAY JAN 23 1945

REUNION



71-36



Friars Stage Plucky Fight
But Lose to Bruins, 71-36

The Old Heave-Ho, This by Milt Phillips



Milt Phillips, Brown guard, pictured "shoyelling" a field goal into the hoop during last night's Bruins-Friars game at Harkins Hall. At his left is Bob Corry of P. C., behind him Johnny Boyle.

(Staff Photo by William J. Reilly)

**PLAYERS CHOSEN
FOR CYO STAR TILT**

MONDAY JAN 2 1945
The list of men who will comprise the squads in the CYO Eastern-Western All-Stars basketball tilt to be played as the preliminary contest to the R. I. State-Providence College clash at R. I. Auditorium, Feb. 8, was announced last night.

The Eastern All-Stars team, coached by Paul (Lefty) Fouchcourt of Assumption and Jim Flynn of St. Thomas, comprises Frank Harrington, Ed Choiniere, William Gallagher and George Tracy, St. Patrick's; Jack Boubin and John (Bud) Donovan, St. Thomas; Ralph Lockett and Dan Morrissey, St. Pius; Jim Peluso and Marty Gannon, Assumption; Sally Bartolomucci and Americo Carbone, St. Bartholomew's. The starting five will be named following the final practice which is scheduled for this week.

The Western All-Stars, a squad of 15 players, will be cut this week. The present list includes these men: Tom Ferns and Francis (Hank) Gribbin, Holy Name; John Farrell and John Davey, St. Teresa's; Walt Reilly and Pat Maguire, Immaculate Conception; Jack Sharpe, Raymond Gaudet, Harold Smith and Gerard Labossoniere, St. Lawrence; Lou Gelsomino, Jack Carty and Joe Flaherty, St. Mary's, and William White and Steve O'Neil, St. Augustine's. Leo Walsh, St. Mary's, and Tony Fiante, Mount Carmel, are coaching this side.

Tickets for the double-header are on sale at CYO Central Headquarters, 25 Fenner Street, Providence, Gaspee 6706. Reserved seats are \$1.80 each and general admission tickets cost \$1.20 each.

**Scrappy Friars to Tangle
With Hedron Five Tonight**
P.B. FRIDAY JAN 2 1945

Service Team, Armed with Height and Experience,

P.S. Enters Fray Favorite
FRIDAY JAN 2 1945

Providence College, small but scrappy, tangles with another of the big fellows tonight when the Hedron basketball team from Quonset visits Harkins Hall for a game at 8:15 o'clock. There will be a preliminary at 7 o'clock.

The Friars have won one and lost one since resuming the sport after being away from the game a full season. They tripped the Naval Detachment from the Newport Torpedo Station and then dropped a decision to Brown, a thing that many a team has done this Winter.

Coach Ed Crotty wasn't particularly happy about the Brown engagement until he watched the Bruins brush off Coast Guard Academy Wednesday night and compared the scores. His charges collected 19 points against Brown's busy brigade in the first half whereas the Cadets scored only 13.

That would seem to indicate that the Freshman Friars have caught on to a certain extent and are likely to improve as they go along. Brown was entirely too big for them Monday night and though they will spot Hedron considerable height and experience, they expect to do pretty well.

Hedron, having displayed a good attack and defense all season, will be favored. The Friars are putting a lot of hope in the scoring ability of little Leo LaBossiere and stocky Johnny Arzooonian and the improved all-around play of Bob Corry. Corry, definitely overweight since his tour of duty in the navy, has begun to shed poundage in large gobs and that shedding has been reflected in his play.

Against Brown, he showed flashes of his old-time form and did some neat shooting, particularly on set shots.

Horan, his sprained ankle about as good as new again, and Whalen will team with LaBossiere, Arzooonian and Corry in the starting lineup, whereas Hedron is expected to open with Clauson and Miller, forwards, Reese, center, and McChrishren and Garnsey, guards.

All-Star Game

THURSDAY JAN 2 1945
Tickets for the Eastern-Western All-Stars basketball game to be played as the opener of a twin-bill at R. I. Auditorium Thursday night, Feb. 8th, went on sale today at CYO Central Headquarters.

The teams expect to conduct another practice each for the tilt which will find them sharing the night's twin-bill with the varsity clubs of Providence College and Rhode Island State.

BASKETBALL

Providence College vs. Hedron

Harkins Hall To-night 8:15

P.B. **FRIDAY JAN 2 1945**
Admission .60

Servicemen and Children .30

SATURDAY JAN 27 1945

Friars Show Improvement In Drubbing Hedron, 74-33

Win Second Victory in Three Starts; Arzoomanian and Laboissiere Star

Providence College's Friars, continuing to show improvement in their play, racked up their second basketball triumph in three starts last night at Harkins Hall, when they romped to a 74-33 victory over Hedron's quintet from the Quonset Naval Air Station.

The Friars, with Johnny Arzoomanian giving a dazzling exhibition of shot-making and Bob Corry doing yeoman work under the backboards in addition to setting up most of the plays, had too much speed afoot and all-round ability for the sailors, who kept pace during the first few minutes of the contest, but faded badly

once the victors found their stride and stepped up the tempo.

Arzoomanian, the leading school-boy scorer in the State last year while performing for Central High School, came up with the best offensive performance for Providence College thus far this season, when he rippled the netting for 35 points. Shooting from in close and from outside the keyhole, Johnnie pumped home 15 points in the first half and then added 20 more during the first 13 minutes of play in the second half, when he retired along with most of the other regulars, as Coach Ed Crotty cleared his bench.

Leo Laboissiere, diminutive P. C. forward, hooped 14 points while Ted Horan garnered 13. Laboissiere had trouble finding the range in the first half, but shook the "jinx" once the teams returned to the floor and picked up nine points, most of them or 1-handers from the side.

Hedron's quintet, larger and heavier than the Friars, made a battle of it throughout the first six minutes of play, but with the score 16-15 against them, started to fall further behind as the Dominicans stepped up the game's tempo. With Horan, Vangel, Laboissiere and Arzoomanian sparking the drive, the Friars started to click in spectacular fashion and executing their plays smoothly, soon raced out to a commanding 29-15 lead at the half.

They continued to travel at a rapid clip as the second stanza got under way and soon turned the contest into a rout. After Jim McCachrane dropped one in for Hedron, to make it 29-17, Laboissiere came through with two from the corner, Arzoomanian connected from outside the bucket and Horan dropped in two beauties from in front, to send the Friars on another spurt that put the issue beyond the sailors' reach.

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE (74)			HEDRON (33)		
	G.	F. P.		G.	F. P.
Horan, lf	4	5 13	Demundo, lf	2	0 4
Dwyer, lf	0	0 0	Miller, rf	3	2 8
Parente, rf	0	0 0	Hemming, rf	0	0 0
Lab's's're, rf	6	2 14	Clawson, c	1	1 3
Vangel, rf	2	2 6	Moore, c	0	1 1
Grasso, c	0	0 0	Rees, lg	1	0 2
Arz'm'an, c	14	7 35	Arata, lg	1	0 2
Boyle, c	2	0 4	McC'hren, rg	5	3 13
Carr, lg	0	0 0			
Corry, lg	0	0 0			
Dolan, lg	1	0 2			
Daley, rg	0	0 0			
Whalen, rg	0	0 0			

Total . . . 29 16 74 Total . . . 13 7 33
Referees—Merritt and Haughey. Time—20-minute halves.

Friar-Ram Game Tickets To Go on Sale Tomorrow

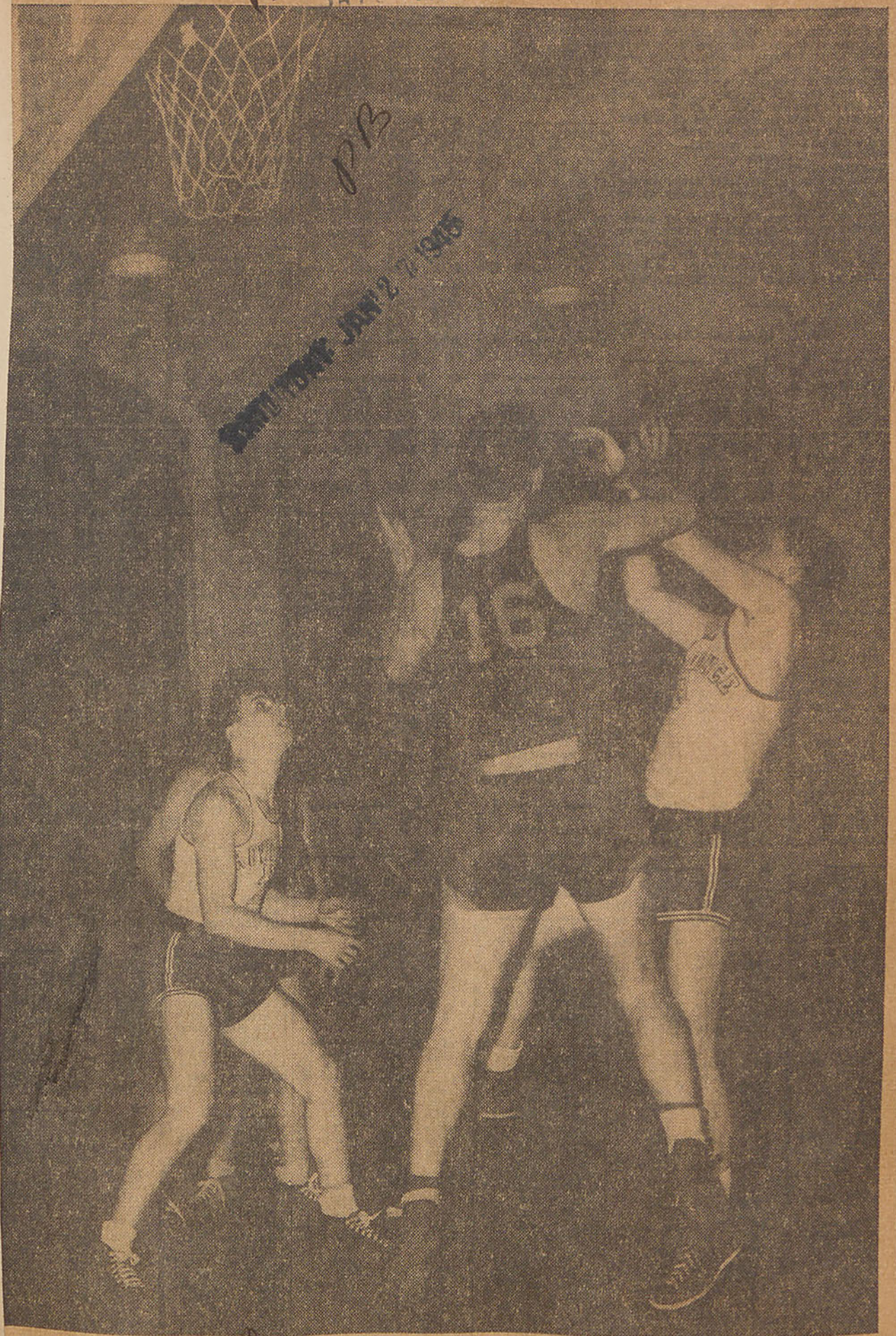
Tickets for the Providence College-Rhode Island State basketball game to be played in the Auditorium, Thursday, Feb. 8, will go on sale tomorrow. They will be sold at P. C., State College, the Auditorium and CYO headquarters.

Prices for this opening duel in the home-and-home series will be \$1.80 for reserved and \$1.20 for general admission.

All-star teams representing the eastern and western divisions of the CYO League will meet in a preliminary game.

POINT-MAKING FOR THE FRIARS

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TED HORAN, EXTREME REBOUNDER, chipped in a couple of points for the Providence College basketball team on the above pictured shot during the Friar tilt with the Quonset Hedron team last night at Harkins Hall. No. 16 is McCachren of Hedron while Vangel of the Friar team is at left. The Friars won, 74-33.

SATURDAY JAN 27 1945

Hanging Up a Hedron Counter



Jim McCachren of the Hedron team from Quonset is seen sending home a two-pointer for his team in last night's game with Providence College at Harkins Hall. No. 9 for Providence is Ted Horan and No. 14, in background, is the Friars' Bob Jorry. At the right is Boyle of Providence. Providence College won, 74-33.

Staff Photo by Charles Puno



D U V I L E T T E R

to "OUT THERE"
MONDAY, JAN 29 1945

Dear Sam:

You were asking me about Bob Corry; the old Hope-Massanutten-Tennessee expert is now attending Providence College and playing basketball for Coach Ed Crotty. PC recently got back into the indoor court game—started its schedule late and has only a few games on it—and the team is a little green. It has won two out of three so far, losing only to Brown. Bob was down at Knoxville for last season's Spring practice, but decided not to go back in the Fall. He stayed up this way; was with the Boston Yanks of the National League early and finished out by playing regular end for Joe McGee's Springfield Steam Roller.

After the football season, he went back to school and looks like something the doctor ordered for the Friars' court ailments. I haven't bumped into him lately, but I had a note from him the other day; says he more than enjoyed his experience with the Yankees and was told by Herb Kopf that another year of experience should make him ready for the big show. He roomed with Ed Franko, the old Fordham athlete, and played against the Green Bay Packers in one game, which he thinks was the high spot.

Playing with Bob at PC now are a couple of former school boys you would remember; Johnny Arzoomanian from Central and Ted Horan from St. Raphael. Bob tells me that Al Russas, another former Hope end and all-Stater of a few years back, is in the Philippines; Jim Murray, who was all-State in basketball from Hope five years ago and who now is father of three youngsters, is booting up at Sampson. Bill Murray, his brother, is in the navy and down the East Indies way last he heard. Bobby, the youngest of the Murray brothers, just has come back to the States. He is wearing the Purple Heart as a result of paratrooping experiences. Li'l Abner Slater, according to Corry, is "resting up" in North Carolina. "Woo" was missing for quite a spell, you know, after flying some missions for the 9th Air Force over Europe,

but he got back all right. His wife is with him.

Bob was sorry about Capt. Sammy Fineman and Lt. Jim Foster, both former Hopesters, who won't be coming home. Sam was killed in an air crash after returning from a hero's role in combat flying. Jim also was killed in a crack-up. Both were in Corry's Hope class. His brother, Pat, is with the Yankee Division and Bob expects he is with Capt. Johnny Christy and maybe Duke Abbruzzi. Pat is doing all right, Bob says, but he wishes he were in another theater where he could be bopping off Nips, squaring up for old Happy Owens.

So, you see, I picked up quite a bit of Hope news from Corry. He was in the navy, you probably will remember, and he's out now with an MD.

Here's a little something from Classical: Bill Walsh, that 115-pound ball of fire who played center for the Purple a couple of years back, is in Germany. He wrote his folks a couple of letters, Dec. 27 and Dec. 30, telling some of his Christmas experiences.

"Right now," he says in the first one, "I'm back at a rest area for a few hours. I got a chance to shower, sleep in a warm place and have some good, hot chow. It didn't seem like Christmas this year, but we made the best of it. . . . They sent up turkey, cranberry sauce, dressing, bread, potatoes and coffee; so, all in all, it wasn't too bad. . . ."

"... Boy," he writes in the other, "I had a look at that air might. It really was a blood-warming sight. . . . I am well dug in; been spending most of my time fixing up my fox-hole. It really isn't half bad now. Pretty warm, too. . . . Mom, those tea bags sure hit the spot. Have a good hot cup about every afternoon. . . ."

And that gives you a bit of an idea how some of the fellows you know are living, up there on the outside edge of the Western Front. We can all picture how swell it is going to be for them when they get back to Dorrance and Westminster.

Sincerely yours,

JACK MARTIN.

Friars' Scrappy Basketball Quintet Pays Return Call on Bruins Tonight

Bears Rule Favorites, But P.C.
Fledglings Promise Scrap;

Sectional Races Hectic
MONDAY JAN 29 1945

BY BARNEY MADDEN

Providence College's young but scrappy basketball team, which seems to thrive on service opposition, makes its second attempt to score a victory over a college team tonight when it returns the recent visit of the Brown quintet. The teams will meet at 8:30 o'clock, the Brown Jayvees opposing East Providence High in a 7 o'clock opener.

Unfortunately for Coach Ed Crotty and his frisky Friars, tangling with the Bruins is anything but a soft touch. P. C., however, did a better job against Brown in their first meeting than several Bruin opponents this season who were supposedly pretty potent outfits.

Last Monday Brown visited Harkins Hall for the first time, and handed the Friars a 71 to 36 defeat, holding P. C. to 19 points in the first half. That sort of embarrassed the Friar fledglings until they discovered that Coast Guard Academy, which later gave undefeated Army such a rousing battle, was limited to 13 in the opening half and, Saturday night, once-beaten Tufts collected only 16 in the first half, en route to defeat No. 2.

Romps Over Hedron

Providence bounced back from that first defeat with a romp over Hedron, and it is likely that tonight's skirmish will be a tighter duel. Brown, naturally, is a heavy favorite, but Providence is improving. Crotty's forces actually were under a handicap on their own court, its limitations simplifying Brown's defensive tactics as executed by young men with plenty of agility and altitude.

MONDAY JAN 29 1945
The open spaces at Marvel Gymnasium should give the Friars a better opportunity to use their speed.

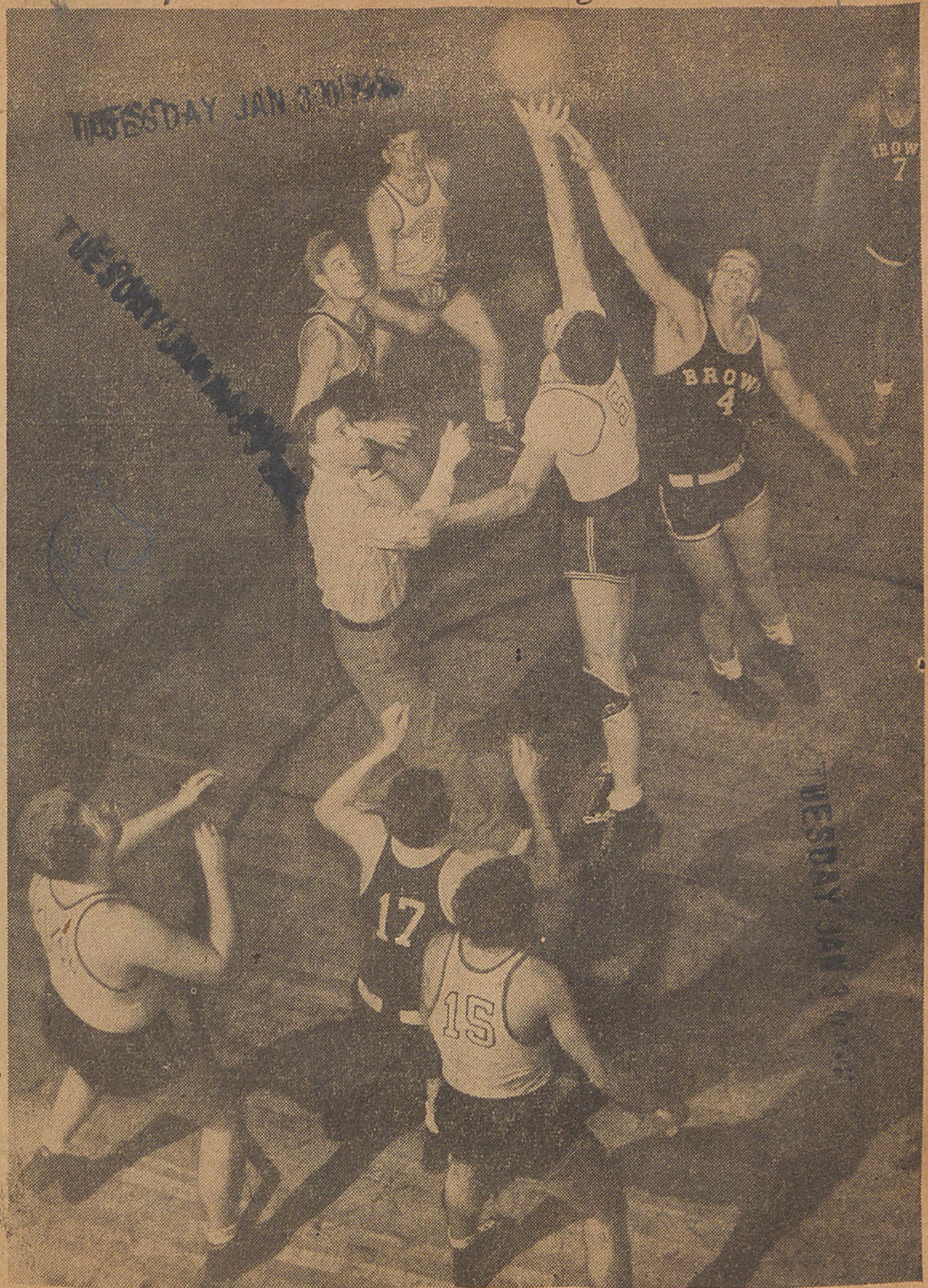
State is currently enjoying its mid-winter layoff, and will not resume play until the game with Providence College at the Auditorium on Feb. 8.

Brown, meanwhile, will tangle with two other teams this week in addition to P. C. On Wednesday the Bruins will entertain Harvard and on Saturday will visit Worcester Tech.

MONDAY JAN 29
The Friars have a Friday night date with Lovell General Hospital from Fort Devens, the soldiers numbering among their stars Steve Fallon and Ted McConnon, two of the outstanding performers of recent years at P. C. The Friars may be young and inexperienced and all that, but obviously they don't scare easily.

Expressions Indicate a Tight Situation

P.J.



Even Referee Crosby Towner appears tense in this picture of the Brown-Providence College game last night as Dick Whalen (5) and Capt. Woody Grimshaw, of Brown, jump for the ball early in the last half, when the Friars whittled Brown's lead to nine points. The other players are Corry (14) and Arzoomanian (15), both of P. C., Bach (17) of Brown and, at the top, Culbertson of Brown, Horan of P. C. and Zuber of Brown.

(Staff Photo by William J. Reilly)

WEDNESDAY JAN 28 1943 P.S.

Brown Quintet Overpowers Providence College, 70-43

Good Big Men's Team Clips
 Good Little Men Again;
 Fun in Second Half

BY BARNEY MADDEN

Providence College's Friars, making their second attempt in eight nights to halt Brown's victory parade, dropped a 70-to-43 decision at Marvel Gymnasium last night—but did they have fun in the early stages of the second half!

Having dropped behind, 30 to 17, in the opening half, the frisky Friars appeared on the court full of vim, vigor and vitality for the last half and their forwards, Leo LaBoissiere and Ted Horan (who would have to give pounds away fighting featherweights), started doing tricks and before the Bruins could get organized had reduced their deficit to 34 to 25. happen next.

At that point, Coach Rip Engle sent in instructions via the Art Bussey-for-Howie Reese replacement service and his courier apparently delivered the message, for there came an abrupt pause in the Friar occupation of the scoring end of the court.

For another two minutes the little men hung on gamely and with something more than 13 minutes remaining were in arrears only 40-30, a condition that made Coach Ed Crotty chortle with glee and probably made Coach Engle wonder what would happen next.

Of course, it is a well established fact that a bunch of good big men can handle a bevy of little men and during the ensuing seven minutes the Friars went the way of all flesh—or rather the way of lack of flesh. At the 15-minute mark, Engle retired his starting quintet, with the second section inheriting a 60-to-36 margin.

nents frequently losing them in the shuffle. It was quite a contrast when the 6-4 Reese guarded LaBoissiere, who has a lot of groceries to eat before he'll weight 125 pounds. Leo had to shoot for height, as well as distance and accuracy.

Johnny Arzoomanian of the Friars, however, waltzed away with high gun honors by racking up 20 points in addition to playing a sparkling floor game. He, LaBoissiere and Horan operated nicely in the front court, intercepted a number of Bruin passes and occasionally relieved a Bruin dribbler of the ball. All in all, they got in Brown's hair. In back, Bob Corry and Dick Whalen waged the good fight against heavy odds, and grabbed a surprising number of rebounds, especially in the last half.

Brown's general play, especially shooting, was better than in recent games and on defense was immense, in more ways than one. As usual, Bach and Culbertson did most of the play-making, Reese took charge of the Brown board and Zuber and Grimshaw indulged in some fancy team work that produced a bundle of points. Al Hartley and Art Bussey led the second section with 12 and 7 points. The Bruins missed only five free flips, the Friars seven. LaBoissiere was the P. C. runner-up, with 11 points. Zuber, with 11 points, did just about his best job of the season.

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Br.	G.	F.	P.	P.C.	G.	F.	P.
Reese, f.	3	0	6	LaBois're, f.	5	1	11
Gri'shaw, f.	6	2	14	Horan, f.	2	2	6
Bussey, f.	3	1	7	Arzoom'n, c.	7	6	20
GHartley, f.	5	2	12	Vangel, c.	0	0	0
Bach, c.	4	1	9	Whalen, c.	1	1	3
Roth, c.	1	0	2	Boyle, g.	1	1	3
Culbert'n, g.	3	0	8	Corry, g.	0	0	0
Zuber, g.	5	1	11				
Phillips, g.	0	0	0				
Gates, g.	1	1	3				
Totals	31	8	70	Totals	16	11	43

Officials—Towner and Mullen.

In the final five minutes, the second group outscored the fatigued Friars, 10 to 8, and almost gained a even break for the night. In the first half the Friars had outscored that same group, 11 to 8.

Brown played better ball than in the last couple of games, and the starting team of Capt. Woody Grimshaw and Howie Reese, forwards, Johnny Bach, center, Tom Culbertson and Paul Zuber, guards, gaily galloped into a 20-to-6 lead.

Engle had started Reese, ordinarily his substitute center, at forward for the first time and his inclusion in the starting set gave the Bruins a tremendous advantage in height and presented such a towering barrier that the Friars learned what it is like to shoot baskets over the centerfield fence. Howie appropriated many a rebound.

Brown used its physical advantages very well, controlled the boards most of the time and offered such a barrier that the Friars had to sink their first shots or lose the ball. The Browns, meanwhile, could just about play volley ball among themselves when they were shooting from in close. They reaped a rebound harvest. Bach, the ubiquitous, alone tipped in a trio.

Somewhat Comical

Still, it was an interesting game, and, at time, somewhat comical. The comedy sequences came when LaBoissiere and Horan began their deft maneuvers, with their bigger oppo-

THE OTHER CHEEK

TUESDAY JAN 9 1945

—By Lanning

BROWN

WELL THAT'S THAT

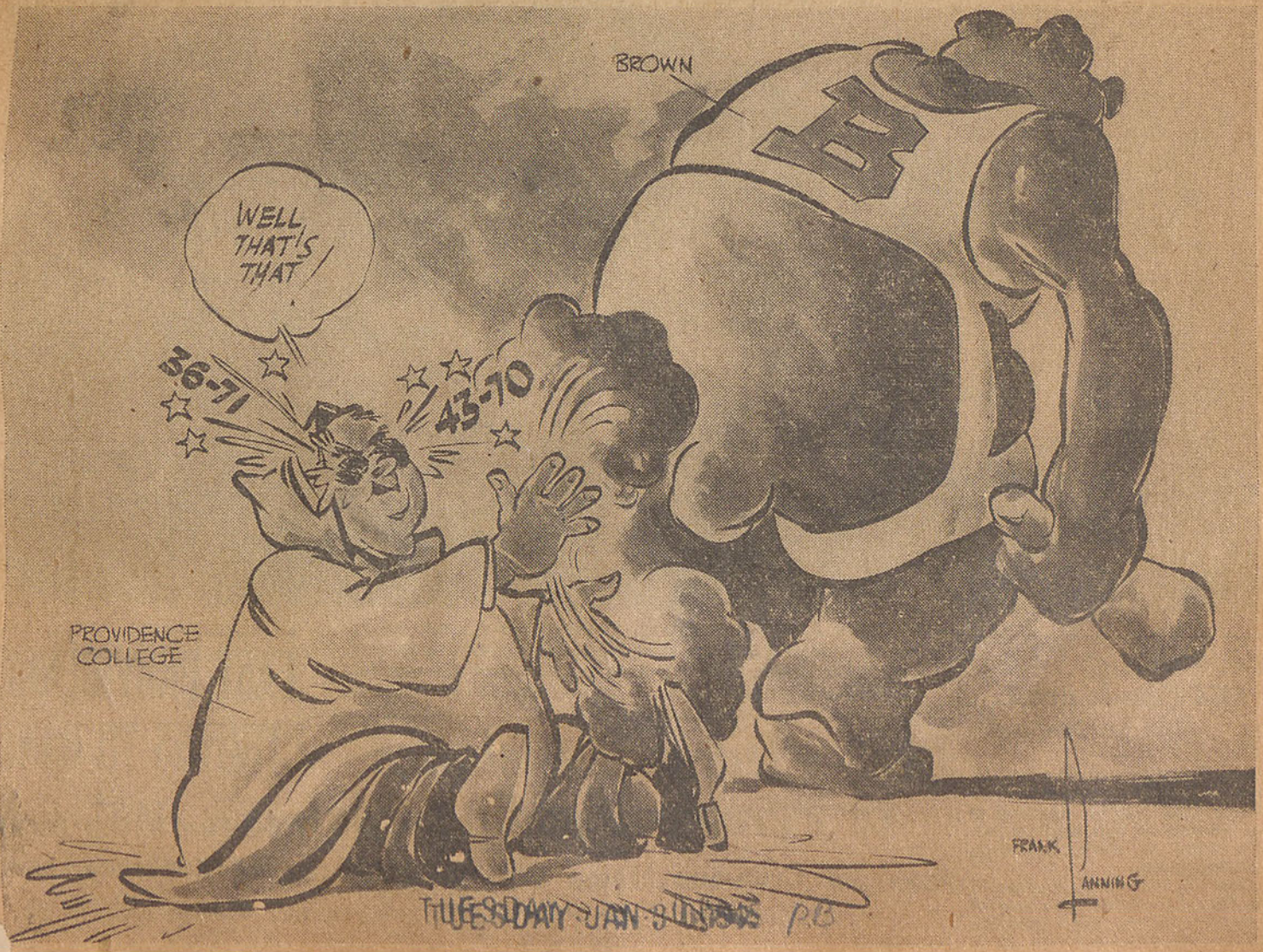
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PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

FRANK LANNING

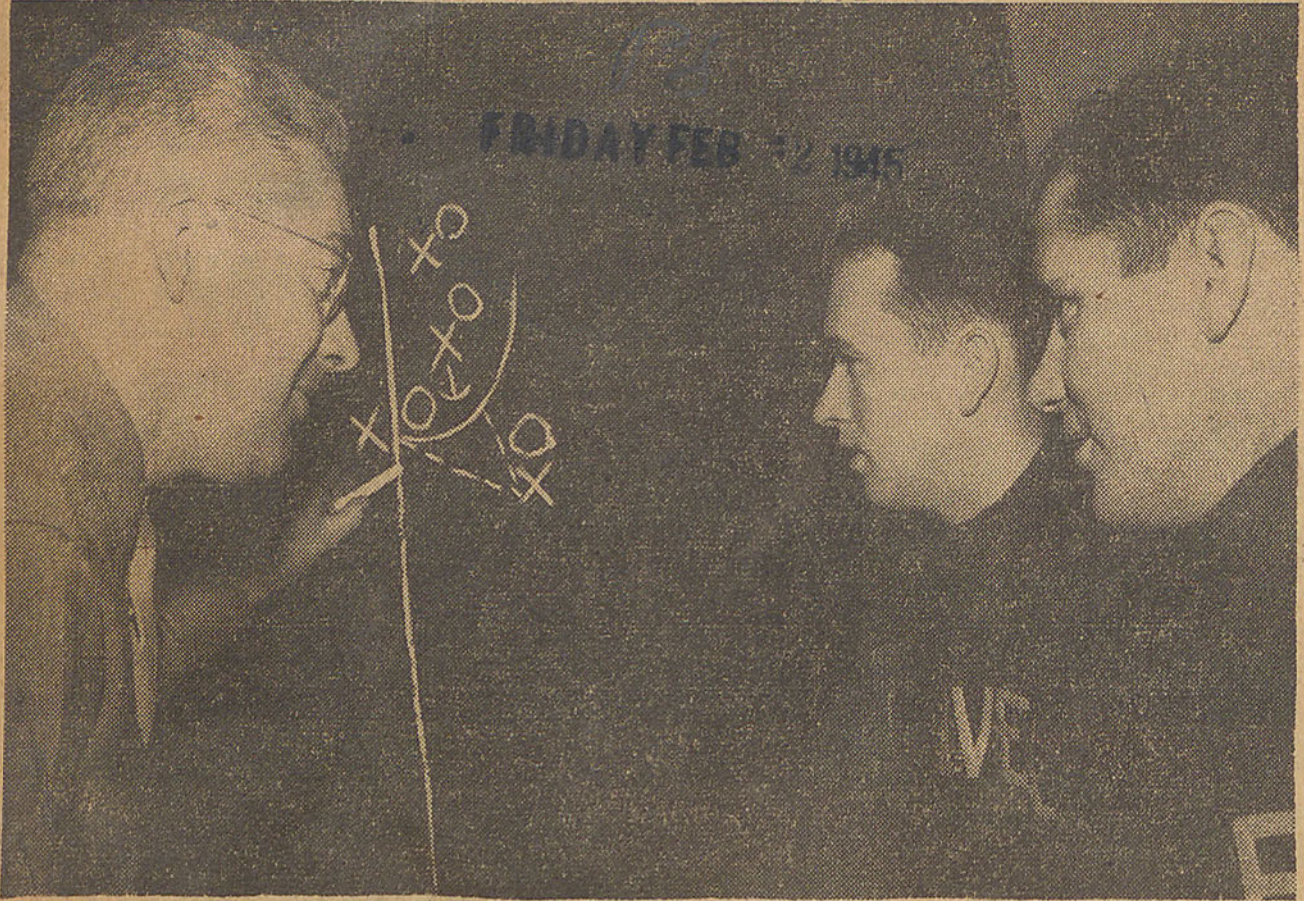
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PJ

Former Friars Return to P. C. Tonight

FRIDAY FEB 2 1945



Two ex-Providence College stars, Ted McConnon and Steve Fallon, who will be starters tonight for Lovell General Hospital against the Friars at Harkins Hall, go over a play with Coach Ed Skelley of the Fort Devens quintet. Skelley formerly coached Assumption and Becker quintets in Worcester, frequently leading them against Friar teams.

—Army Signal Corps Photo

McCONNON, FALLON TO SPARK LOVELL IN FRIARS' GAME

FRIDAY FEB 21

Former P. C. Stars Return

Tonight in Lineup of

Service Quintet

Two of the finest basketball players developed at Providence College, Ted McConnon and Steve Fallon, will return to Harkins Hall tonight and attempt to haunt their old coach, Ed Crotty, as they lead the Lovell General Hospital quintet against the Friars.

The game is scheduled for 8:15 o'clock, an intra-mural tilt being arranged for 7 o'clock.

Lovell General has one of the best service teams in the area and was well on its way to victory over the strong Cushing General Hospital five from Framingham Wednesday night, until Fallon fouled out. At the time of Steve's departure, the Fort Devens team was leading by 10 points, but when he left the game, the bottom fell out of the Lovell quintet.

McConnon, as he did in college days, is pouring in the points profusely, having notched 17 against Cushing, which is just about par for the course for him in service duels. He is playing center this Winter although ordinarily a forward.

The soldiers, vastly more experienced than the Friars, are favorites, but Coach Crotty's young team has been developing rapidly and probably will make the visitors hustle. The Friars showed sharp improvement from one Brown game to the next—over an 8-day stretch—and all the starters in Monday night's joust with the Bruins reported for practice Tuesday voluntarily, instead of taking the holiday that Crotty had granted.

Crotty will stick with his starting team of Johnny Arzoomanian and Leo LaBoissiere, forwards; Ted Horan, center, and Dick Whalen and Bob Corry, guards.

All-Stars in Top Form For Auditorium Clash

FRIDAY FEB 2 1945

Teams Meet Thursday
Night In State-P. C.
Preliminary

Rushed to the hospital early Saturday with an attack of pneumonia, St. Mary's veteran coach, Leo Walsh, today was reported as "doing well" at Rhode Island Hospital. Walsh was to have coached the Western Section All-Stars with Tony Fionte of Mount Carmel.

With their squads' meeting only seven days off, the coaches of the CYO Eastern and Western All-Stars teams were still undecided about their starting lineups for next Thursday night's exhibition game at the auditorium which will be the first half of a twin-bill featuring the Providence College-R. I. State duel. The CYO tilt will start at 7:15 p. m.

Coaches Leo Walsh and Tony Fionte of the Western All-Stars and Jim Flynn and Paul (Lefty) Fouchcourt of the Eastern "Stars" have their squads in tip-top shape and are confident that the public will have an enjoyable evening.

St. Patrick's, St. Pius, St. Bartholomew's, Assumption, and St.

Thomas are represented on the Eastern All-Star squad. St. Ann's, 1944 State Champion, is the only club not represented. Like the others it was originally represented by two men. Since the practices started one of the players went into the service, the other has made a college squad. The team was then allowed to replace these men. The replaces both failed to turn up at the practices.

St. Teresa's, Holy Name, St. Mary's, Mount Carmel, St. Lawrence, Immaculate Conception, and St. Augustine's are represented on the Western squad. A few of the men originally selected for both squads have since been drafted.

This All-Star game, the first of its kind in the history of CYO Basketball in Providence, has been arranged by Rev. A. B. Begley, O.P., Providence College athletic director, and Athletic Director Archie Cardillo of the CYO. The uniforms have been donated by Rev. Andrew P. Farina, St. Ann's, and Rev. J. Allan Hughes, Assumption, CYO moderators in their respective parishes. Hugh Fitzpatrick and William Rutneski, members of the R. I. Board of Approved Scholastic Officials, will referee; Miss Evelyn Prince, leading CYO scorer for many seasons, will be the official scorekeeper while Michael Morry, a faculty member at La Salle Academy, will serve as official timer.

Fans are reminded that tickets for good seats can still be purchased at CYO Headquarters, 25 Fenner street, Gaspee 6706. Reserved seats sell for \$1.80 each and general admission tickets cost \$1.20.

FIGHTING FRIARS

SUBDUED, 67-58,

BY LOVELL TEAM

SATURDAY FEB 23 1945

Former Stars for Friars Aid
in Hospital's Victory; Jake,
Arzoomanian Big Guns

Some of the stars who a few years back helped propel Providence College into the upper brackets of Eastern intercollegiate basketball returned last night to sparkle once more on the court at Harkins Hall as they led the Lovell General Hospital's quintet to a 67-58 triumph over the Friars in a well played contest that saw the local team turn in one of its best performances of the campaign.

With Ted McConnon and Steve Fallon, two of the finest court stars ever developed at the Dominican institution, and the sharpshooting Bob Jake spearheading the attack and at times completely bewildering the Friars with some adroit ball handling and shooting accuracy, the soldier quintet came back from a 30-25 half-time deficit to take the lead at the 5-minute mark of the second half. Once out front, they were never headed but the Friars never stopped trying and were in there fighting right down to the final whistle.

McConnon showed indications of what was to come when he scored on the second half tap-off to cut the Friars' edge to 30-27. Ted Horan, who did a fine job of setting up plays from the bucket, and Dick Whelan combined to halt temporarily the Lovell surge as they boosted their mates out to a 35-29 advantage, but shortly thereafter the soldier quintet hit its stride and raced into a 46-37 lead, as Fallon and Jake worked their way inside to score from closeup.

Horan took a pass from Johnnie Arzoomanian to break the P. C. scoring famine, but Jake and Steve Collins, using their height and basketball savvy to excellent advantage, found the range once more and Lovell spurted out to a 50-39 bulge with 15 minutes remaining. A pair of free throws by Arzoomanian gave the Friars new life and they stormed back to reduce the count to 56-50.

The Dominicans stepped up the pace another notch at that point, but the Lovell veterans matched their every effort and managed to cling to their point advantage. Whenever the Friars missed their shots, the soldiers sped down the court on 3-man breaks against a lone defender, usually big Bob Corry, and slipping the ball through the hoop was merely a matter of choice. Jake, having a good night, was the recipient of most of the Fallon-McConnon passes and displayed unerring accuracy as he racked up 27 of the victories.

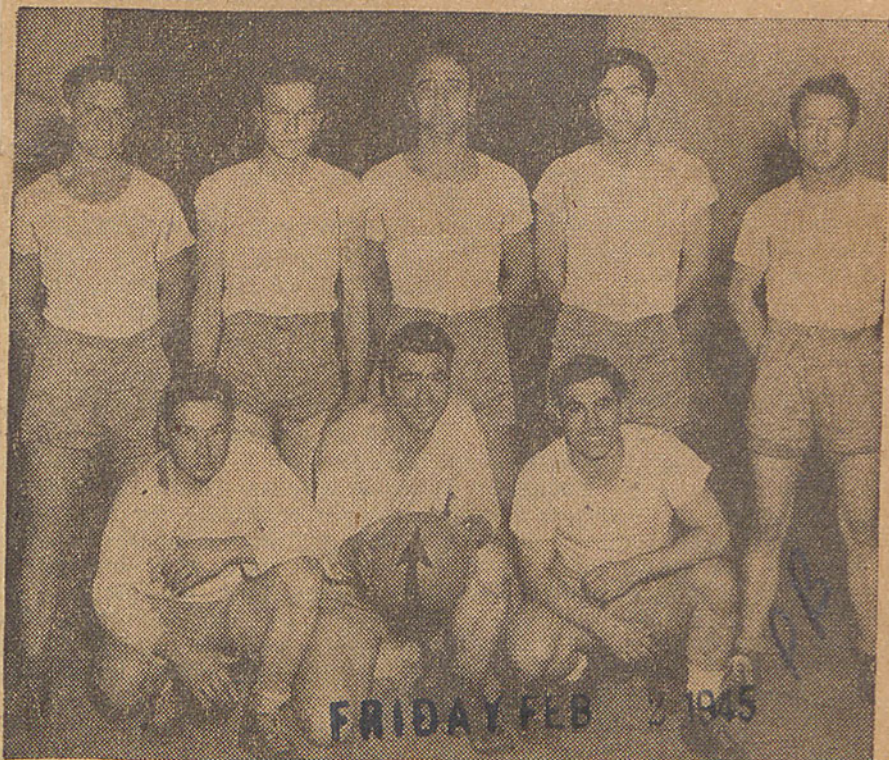
Arzoomanian, as usual, paced the Friars and deadlocked Jake for scoring honors. His shooting in the first half was largely responsible for the Friars' lead, though Laboissier, Horan and Corry were instrumental in setting up the plays for the deadly college gunner.

McConnon and Fallon, high scorers in their college days, devoted most of their efforts toward playmaking in last night's tilt and treated the fans to some fine shotmaking as they garnered 10 and eight points, respectively.

LOVELL (67)			PROVIDENCE (58)		
	G.	F. P.		G.	F. P.
Jake, lf	13	1 27	Laboissiere, lf	2	0 4
Arnold, rf	4	0 8	Horan, rf	8	0 16
Collins, rf	3	3 9	Arzoom'an, c	12	3 27
McConnon, c	5	0 10	Corry, lg	1	3 5
Fallon, lg	3	2 8	Whelan, rg	3	0 6
Bedell, rg	1	3 5	Boyle, rg	0	0 0
Plante, rg	0	0 0			
Total	29	9 67	Total	26	6 58



DIVISION LETTER TO "OUT THERE"



HE'S STILL SHOOTING 'EM . . .

. . . is Lester Burdge, the former Warren High and Providence College star. He coaches and plays with this engineers' outfit and they're aimed at the basketball championship of Italy. Rear row has T/5 Alex Loznowitz of Brooklyn, T/5 Bernie Cornell of Akron, Pfc. Sam Hean of Philadelphia, Lt. Frank Santom of Worcester and T/5 Anton Huber of Winter, Wis. In front: T/5 Gerald Henry of Boonville, N. Y., First Sgt. Lester Burdge and Pfc. Floyd Stof-fairo of Hamilton, O.

Dear Joey:

This picture just came in from Italy and, knowing how all you Warren fellows are interested in the Burdge boys, I thought I'd send it along to you. I knew that Charlie was out in Nebraska around Christmas time, but I wasn't sure where Les had gone until the picture came. There he is, in the front row, holding the ball and he's not looking too much the worse for wear, is he?

The former Warren High and Providence College athlete is a first sergeant now, with an engineer aviation utilities detachment. They are at a 15th Air Force service command depot, and Les is keeping fit in his spare moments coaching and playing with this team.

Seems as how the various units at the post all had representative teams in softball and touch football in season, and then the indoor season fell upon them. I don't suppose you would know much about the kind of weather that has hit "Sunny Italy" this year, but they say they have had everything — rivaling London's fogs, California's heavy dews and some all-around heavy rain, hail and snow — which necessitated a shift of the sports activities really to indoors.

The big problem was where to go inside and what to do when they got there, but being engineers and technicians, for the most part, they didn't let that bother them too much. Of course, Italy isn't set up for basket-

ball, so they had to send out a search detail to find a hall big enough for their needs. They discovered an old warehouse whose roof still was intact and then they turned loose on it in spare time.

With all the manpower that was available, coupled with their enthusiasm, it took only about two weeks to build the court, make and put up the baskets, put in a floor and lay it out, and waterproof the building. Soon as it was ready, they organized eight teams; somebody dug up a trophy and competition was on. There's a league game every night in the week and I guess you wouldn't find any more enthusiasm in Madison Square Garden.

This isn't the only spot in Italy where basketball has been introduced by the GI boys, so, after the local title is decided, the winner is going into sectional eliminations out of which, eventually, will emerge the basketball champion of Italy. Don't know whether Lester's team is in line or not, but I dare say the Old Fox will have 'em up in there.

We are indebted to a S/Sgt. Peters for the picture, and to a Cpl. Schreier for the information. I don't know either of them, but they thought the home folks and the rest of you fellows out there would like to have a look at Les and to know how and what he's doing.

Sincerely yours,

2-2-45.

JACK MARTIN.

RAM, FRIAR GAME HIGHLIGHTS WEEK HOOP PLAY IN R. I. MONDAY FEB 5 1941

Resumption of Rivalry Likely
to Be Well-Attended; Brown
Has Two Set-tos

BY BARNEY MADDEN

The resumption of the Rhode Island State-Providence College rivalry—the only chance for Providence fans, generally, to see the up-rollicking Rams—highlights the upcoming week in basketball for the State's college teams, adding just about the touch needed to make the week one of the season's most interesting.

That skirmish, scheduled for Thursday night at the Auditorium, is one of five involving Rhode Island quintets, each of the teams being booked for a brace of battles.

The surprising Friars, barely outlasted by the powerful Lovell General Hospital five in their last start, will entertain Northeastern tomorrow night and meet State Thursday; Brown, a cool and crisp collection of courtiers against Worcester Tech Saturday, visits M. I. T. Wednesday night and the Coast Guard Academy Saturday night, while the Rams, back in action after the mid-Winter layoff, start with the Friars and finish the week by mixing with Northeastern in Boston.

Even though the three college teams will compete in five games, the situation is such that it looks like grand slam for the point players from these plantations.

MONDAY FEB 5 1941

Friars Favored

Providence, with two victories and three defeats thus far, has come along so steadily and improved so much that Ed Crotty's little lads will be favored over Northeastern at Harkins Hall tomorrow night; Brown already has disposed of M. I. T. and Coast Guard, and should not have too much trouble repeating the process, whereas the Rams will be substantial choices in the joust with P. C. and, naturally, even heavier favorites over the Huskies in Saturday's soiree at Boston.

Crotty and his crew of eager but inexperienced players have done a remarkably fine job. At the start of the season it was said that some coaches were smiling over their prospects, but that Crotty was laughing out loud.

His squad, however, was playing because the resumption of basketball at the Dominican college was their own idea, and they were determined to improve even though they didn't have so much as good high school reputations behind them. They worked as hard, if not harder than any squad in P. C. history, and eventually their everlasting trying began to pay dividends.

Battle Hot

They defeated Gould Island and Hedron, while losing two games to Brown and then gave Lovell, one of the section's stronger quintets, a terrific battle before bowing. With such improvement, the Friars are likely to do well against Northeastern, a team just about in their league.

Thursday night, however, the Rams are very likely to continue a fine winning streak at the Friars' expense. State has been beaten only once, by St. John's, on a night when the usual Ram point-making and floor work were far below par. Since then the Rams have met and mastered an assortment of foes and, given new energy by their layoff, will be striving for an impressive resumption.

The game with P. C. is apt to draw well. The Rams have a tremendous following, and many of the vast army of fans who were a little too late to get tickets for next week's Brown game are expected to avail themselves of this opportunity to watch their favorites in action.

MONDAY FEB 5 1941

Friars' Midget Claim Brings Argument

Kalamazoo Rises In All Its
Might to Claim Disadvantage

By Mere One Inch

TUESDAY FEB 6 1945
BY HARNEY MADDEN

Debates in sports are as old as the "Hills" that people are as old as whenever the census is being taken, but generally the disputes wax warm over top bracket superlatives. But there's always something new, and now Kalamazoo College of Kalamazoo, Mich., rises to its full height and disputes Providence College's claim to the title of smallest college basketball team in the nation.

Kalamazoo not only disputes the Friars' contention, an opinion ventured when the Friars resumed basketball this Winter, but it is willing to meet Coach Ed Crotty's squad in person or by remote control to settle the point.

In the early season a bit of news from Providence College asserted that the Friars were smallest, a mere 5-foot, 9-inch team, but now, right from Kalamazoo itself comes a special communique to the Providence Journal contesting that claim, and offering to do something about it, if the ODT doesn't say no.

The message reads, to wit:

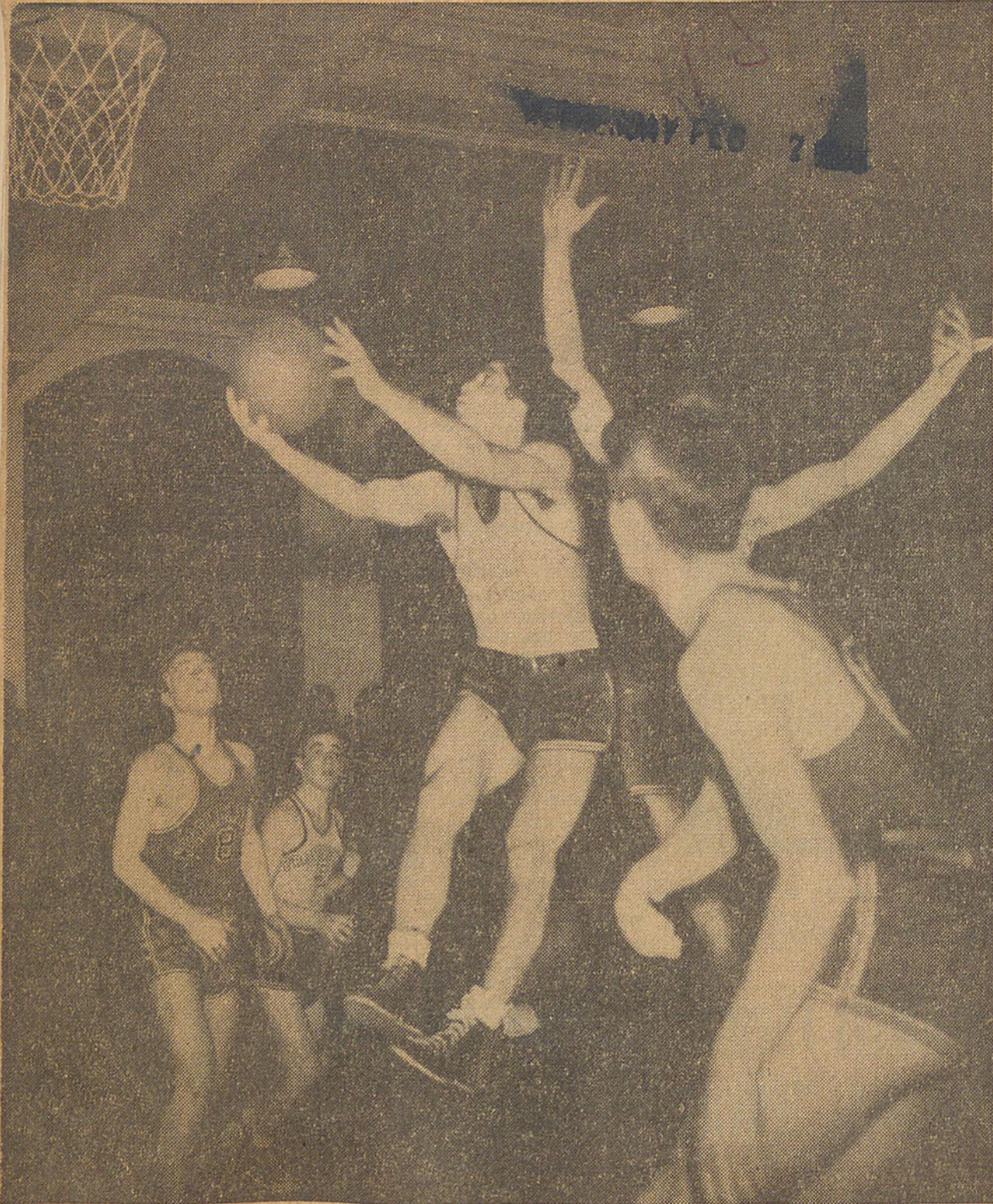
"Kalamazoo, Mich., Feb. 1.—(Special)—Providence College may claim they have the smallest intercollegiate basketball team in the nation, but, according to Coach Len Colby of Kalamazoo, Mich., Providence doesn't have a leg to stand upon."

"Colby reports that Providence, which claims a 5-foot, 9-inch average, is one inch taller than the 5-foot, 8-inch Kalamazoo's five, which has been publicized all over the country as the shortest team in the nation. Colby is ready to engage Providence in a yardstick duel whenever the Rhode Island institution is ready. And, added Colby, he and his midgets will even take on Providence in a basketball game—if the ODT doesn't say no."



Coach Ed Crotty

WEDNESDAY FEB 7 1933
Whoops! Another One Coming Up



Johnny Arzoomanian, P. C. center, taking off against Northeastern last night as he dunked one of his 10 field goals. Other players are, left to right, Walter Kozul of the Huskies, Ted Horan of the Friars and, extreme right, May Henry of the Huskies. In the background, the wide-flung arms belong to Fran Walsh of Northeastern.

Friars Face Huskies Tonight, A Quintet "Their Own Size"

TUESDAY FEB 6 1945
Crotty's Boys Eagerly Await

Fray, Figuring This Is
Their Big Chance

BY BARNEY MADDEN

The steadily improving basketball forces of Providence College tackle a team "their own size" tonight and, as a consequence, the game between the Friars and Northeastern in Harkins Hall is expected to develop into a keenly contested affair.

The Friars and Huskies are scheduled for 8:15 action, the game being the feature end of a twin-bill, the first half of which will be a clash between intra-mural teams.

Coach Ed Crotty's young team is eagerly awaiting tonight's engagement, figuring that this is their golden opportunity to win their first college game. They have met Brown twice, and the same thing happened to them that happened to most of Brown's foes—they were licked.

They showed definite improvement from one Brown game to the next, however, did a fine job against Lovell General last Friday night, and are just about ripe for their best game of the campaign. In order to defeat the Huskies they will have to be in top form, since the Boston quintet is average for the section this season.

TUESDAY FEB 6 1945
Northeastern has lost to Rhode Island, emphatically, to New Hampshire, narrowly, and to Connecticut by 10 points. Victims of the Huskies have been Lowell Textile, Maine and American International. This cross-section of the Northeastern schedule would seem to indicate that the team is in pretty much the same fix as a preponderance of the New England collegiate squads, and that being the case, the Friars, improved as they are, undoubtedly will have to go all out to achieve their first collegiate triumph since resuming the sport.

Crotty was well pleased with his team's performance against Lovell General, and feels that better things are possible if his charges maintain their defensive standards all the way. There were lapses Friday night that were very harmful, but in the main, the team handled itself much better than was generally expected.

Crotty will start Leo LaBoissiere and Ted Horan in the front court, play Johnny Arzoomanian at center and use Dick Whalen and Bob Corry in the back court.

The Huskies latest start, against American International, was their most productive of the campaign, resulting in a 70 to 40 verdict. That 70 points represented their finest scoring feat of the year, nine more than they notched against Lowell. They tallied 57 against New Hampshire but were nipped by one point.

TUESDAY FEB 6 1945

BASKETBALL

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

vs. Northeastern University

HARKINS HALL

TONIGHT 8:15

TUESDAY FEB 6 1945
Admission 60c

Servicemen and Children 30c

FRIARS TOP NORTHEASTERN FIVE, 72-61

PROVIDENCE TEAM DOWNS ITS FIRST COLLEGIATE RIVAL

WEDNESDAY FEB 7 1945
Winners Lead Throughout,

Referee MacKay Tangles
with Huskies' Coach

BY BARNEY MADDEN

The Friars of Providence College, showing flashes of classy play, made Northeastern their first collegiate victim since their basketball reincarnation when they compiled a 72-to-61 victory in Harkins Hall last night.

Providence led all the way, set the pace in field goals and free flips, ran a dead heat in fouls—21 being called against each team—and generally displayed a remarkable improvement. Hard playing and the anxiety to do well caused both teams to fill the fray with fouls, most of them useless. Yet, despite the deteriorating effect the fouls had on the artistic aspects of the skirmish, they did lead to the evening's most hilarious sequence, a debate between Referee Sid MacKay and Coach "Foxy" Flumere of the Huskies—which "Foxy," inevitably, lost.

The Friars had established margins of various proportions, such as 5-1, 16-11, 21-26 and, at the half, 37-24. Then after they had galloped into a 42-29 advantage in the early stages of the second half, the Huskies cut loose with their talented Fran Walsh and tall Mal Henry collaborating to such a nicety that the score soon became Providence 43, Northeastern 37.

Friars' Fulmination
WEDNESDAY FEB 7 1945
The Friars then fulminated and in a few fleeting minutes scampered away to a 53-41 lead as Johnny Arzoomanian, Leo LaBoissiere and Dick Whalen climaxed a stretch of pretty play-making.

During Northeastern's raid after Whalen's field goal, Walsh went down with a thud and Coach Flumere criticized Referee MacKay while Walsh was being accorded a breathing spell. One word led to another, as it so often will, and MacKay pinned a technical on "Foxy". The words continued to lead hither and yon and Sid pinned another on "Foxy". Arzoomanian capitalized on both opportunities.

Arzoomanian followed with a pop from the corner and LaBoissiere converted a deft Horan pass before Ben Wayler tallied for the Bostonians. Then Johnny Labbadia fouled out, which annoyed Flumers, and when Wayler followed him a minute later, "Foxy" really was in a pet and a peeve. He ordered his charges to carry on with four men.

Whatever his strategy, it worked nicely, for Henry dunked a brace of baskets while the Friars were wondering whether to shoot or stall, as they never had been in a handicap game before.

Shortly, Walsh returned and from then to the end there was a procession of substitutes as Coach Ed Crotty, eager to reward all his players for the sharp progress they have made since those dark days of early season, cleared his bench.

WEDNESDAY FEB 7 1945
Walsh Does Fine Job
Walsh, a tallish boy who pivots and fakes well and generally gives indications of starring days ahead, did a fine job for the Huskies. He was very good on the boards and set up a preponderance of the baskets that Henry converted as he paced all the scorers with 32 points.

The Friars' starters, LaBoissiere, Horan, Arzoomanian, Bob Corry and Dick Whalen, as well as Johnny Boyle, the top replacement, did better than usual most of the time. They had their defensive lapses and when they did Walsh, Wayler, Henry, Kozul and Labbadia took excellent advantage of them with a Rhode Island-State type of fast break.

Arzoomanian paced the Friars with 29 points, lost five other baskets because of travelling, and, though he was the attacking star, wasted some scoring chances by neglecting to pass. Whalen's defensive work was a big improvement.

The summary:

WEDNESDAY FEB 7 1945

PROVIDENCE		NORTHEASTERN	
P.	G.	P.	G.
LaBoissiere, f.	7 2 16	Walsh, f.	4 5 13
Dwyer, f.	0 0 0	Wayler, f.	2 0 4
Carr, f.	0 1 1	Henry, c.	14 4 32
Horan, f.	4 3 11	Kozul, g.	1 0 2
Russo, f.	0 0 0	Krekorian, g.	0 0 0
Mandeville, f.	0 0 0	Labbadia, g.	3 1 7
Arzo'n, c.	10 9 29	Stankev'h, g.	1 0 2
Grossi, c.	0 0 0	Discipio, g.	0 1 1
Parente, c.	0 0 0		
Dolan, g.	0 0 0		
Corry, g.	3 0 6		
Whalen, g.	4 1 9		
Boyle, g.	0 0 0		
Daley, g.	0 0 0		
Totals	28 16 72	Totals	25 11 61
Officials:	McKay and Towner.		

BASKETBALL
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE
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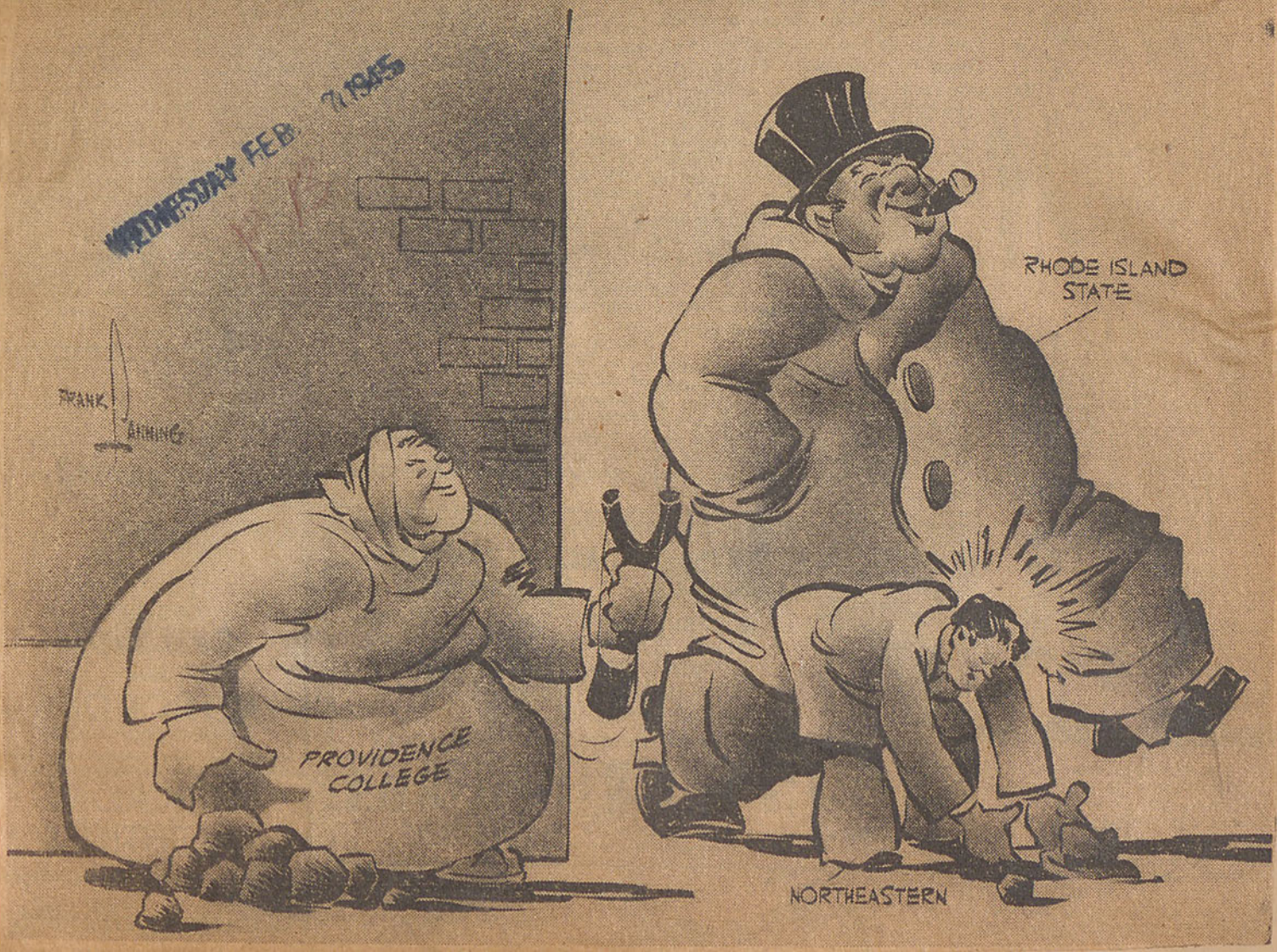
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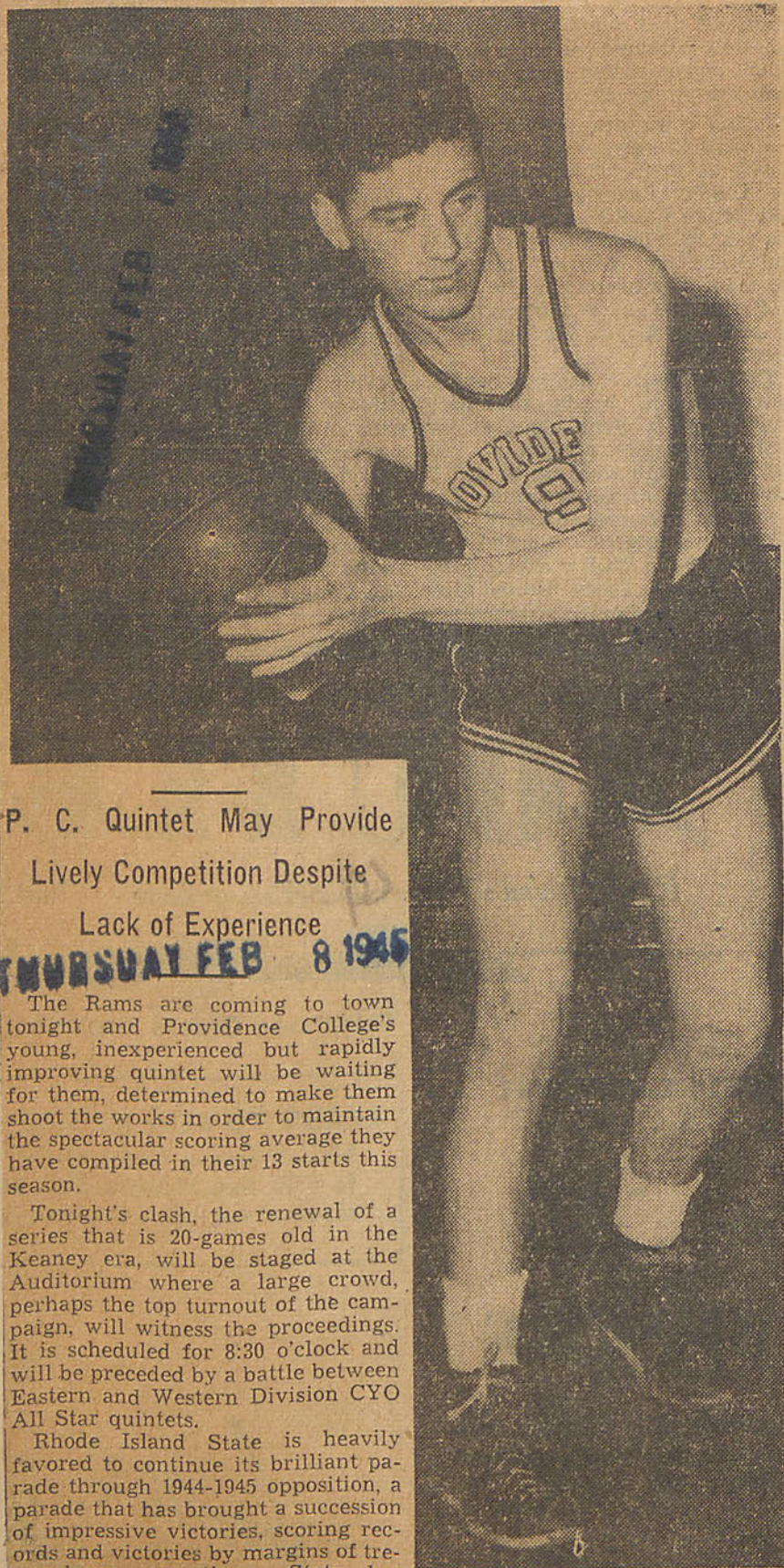
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Rams Will Meet Friars Tonight in Auditorium Tilt



P. C. Quintet May Provide Lively Competition Despite

Lack of Experience

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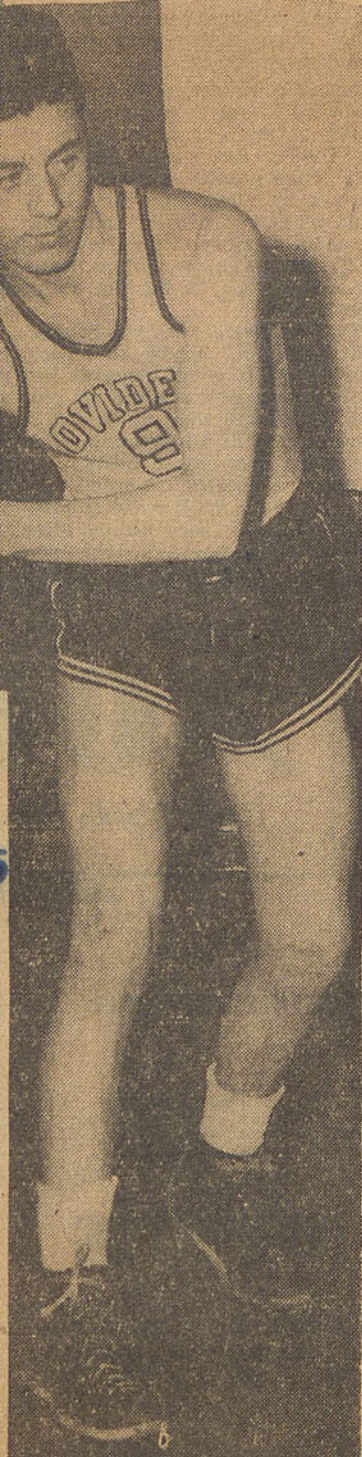
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Rams Resume Court Slate Tonight Against P. C. Foe

Cranston Herald *bill 8. 1925*

Resumption of their basketball rivalry after a lapse of one season will be effected tonight at 8:30 p. m. when Rhode Island State College meets Providence College at the Rhode Island Auditorium in Providence. The series with the Friars was interrupted last year when P. C. did not play a court schedule.

The Rams have been idle since January 27 because of the College recess. The Spring semester begins tomorrow with registration of students, and classes start Friday morning at 8 o'clock.

Of the 20 games played by the two colleges since Coach Frank W. Keaney came here in 1920, the Rams have lost six. The Friars last defeated the South Countians in the first game of the home-and-home games of the 1941-42 season, winning 60 to 54.

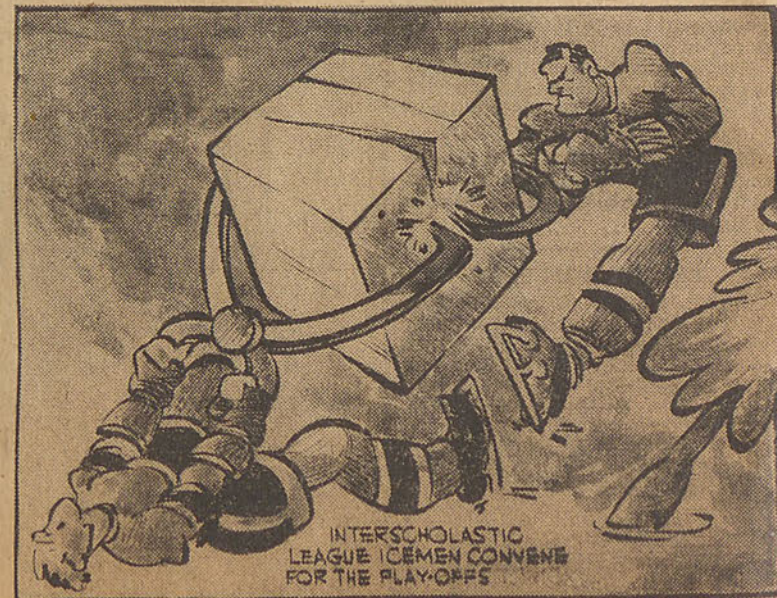
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of their 13 games, scoring 1129 points to their opponents' 799 for a game average of 86. Capt. Ernie Calverley, with 285 points, has averaged 22 points-a game, and Dick Hole, with 269, averages 20. Mike Santoro, having 196 to his credit, has a game average of 15, and Bob Shea, with 167, averages 13.

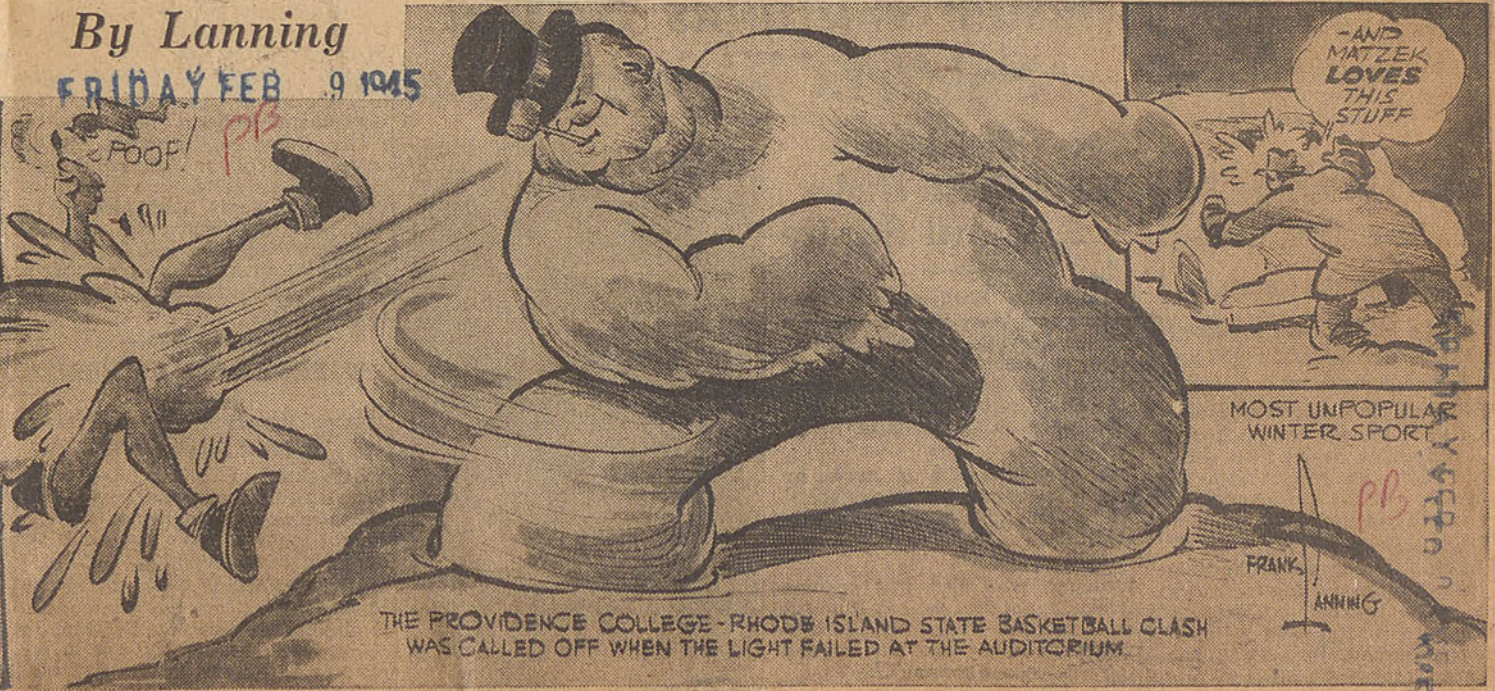
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FRIDAY FEB 9 1945



INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE ICEMEN CONVERGE FOR THE PLAY-OFFS



THE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE - RHODE ISLAND STATE BASKETBALL CLASH WAS CALLED OFF WHEN THE LIGHT FAILED AT THE AUDITORIUM.

MOST UNPOPULAR WINTER SPORT

FRANK LANNING

-AND MATZEK LOVES THIS STUFF

PHOTO BY EPHRAIM WOLF

FRIDAY FEB 9 1915
**Failure of Lights at Auditorium Forces Cancellation
Of State-Providence Game, but Everyone Got There**

BY BARNEY MADDEN

The Fighting Friars of Providence College and the Rollicking Rams of Rhode Island State didn't play basketball last night as scheduled.

The Friars had fought, and shoveled, and pushed their way to the Rhode Island Auditorium from the college.

The Rams had fought, and shoveled, and pushed their way the torturous 35 miles from their campus at Kingston to the Auditorium.

The arena audits were well filled with potential patrons.

Referee Jimmy Coogan of New Haven was on hand, late trains to the contrary notwithstanding.

Referee Pat Kennedy of New

FRIDAY FEB 9 1915
**Darkness Delays Refund
On Friar State Tickets**

Because the lights had gone out in the neighborhood, throwing the Auditorium, among other places, into darkness, Auditorium officials were unable to make refunds on tickets for the Providence College-Rhode Island State game, which was cancelled.

It was announced, however, that ticket money will be refunded anytime after this morning.

York was in Providence Union Station.

FRIDAY FEB 9 1915
CYC all stars were on the floor warming up for the preliminary game.

Then — THE LIGHTS WENT OUT!

So—the game was cancelled.

Huddled in the flickering light of the candles in Danny Norton's office, officials of the Auditorium, Rev. A. B. Begley, O. P., athletic director at Providence College, and Coach Frank Keaney of Rhode Island State decided to call it all off.

The lighting failure in that section of the city threw the whole area into darkness and trouble shooters were trying to find the source of the break and make the necessary repairs, but there was no telling when the lights would go on, and, naturally, no telling when the show could go on.

Then Keaney and Coach Ed Crotty of the Friars went into another huddle, deponent knoweth not where because it was too dark to see them, in an effort to decide when to play the game. Schedule difficulties from here to the end of the season made a decision impossible, and one of two probabilities remain—either cancel the game or play it in the post-season.

The latter arrangement is doubtful because there is always the chance that some of the involved athletes may be in the armed services by that time.

The patrons' waiting for a decision was done with commendable patience and a measure of merriment. The coffee counter did an understandably flourishing business; a group of boys entertained with choral singing that wasn't bad at all; a bit of post office was played in the outer lobby; coaches and other athletic officials discussed the difficulties of procuring sports equipment, admitting that they were discussing them in the right place—in the dark.

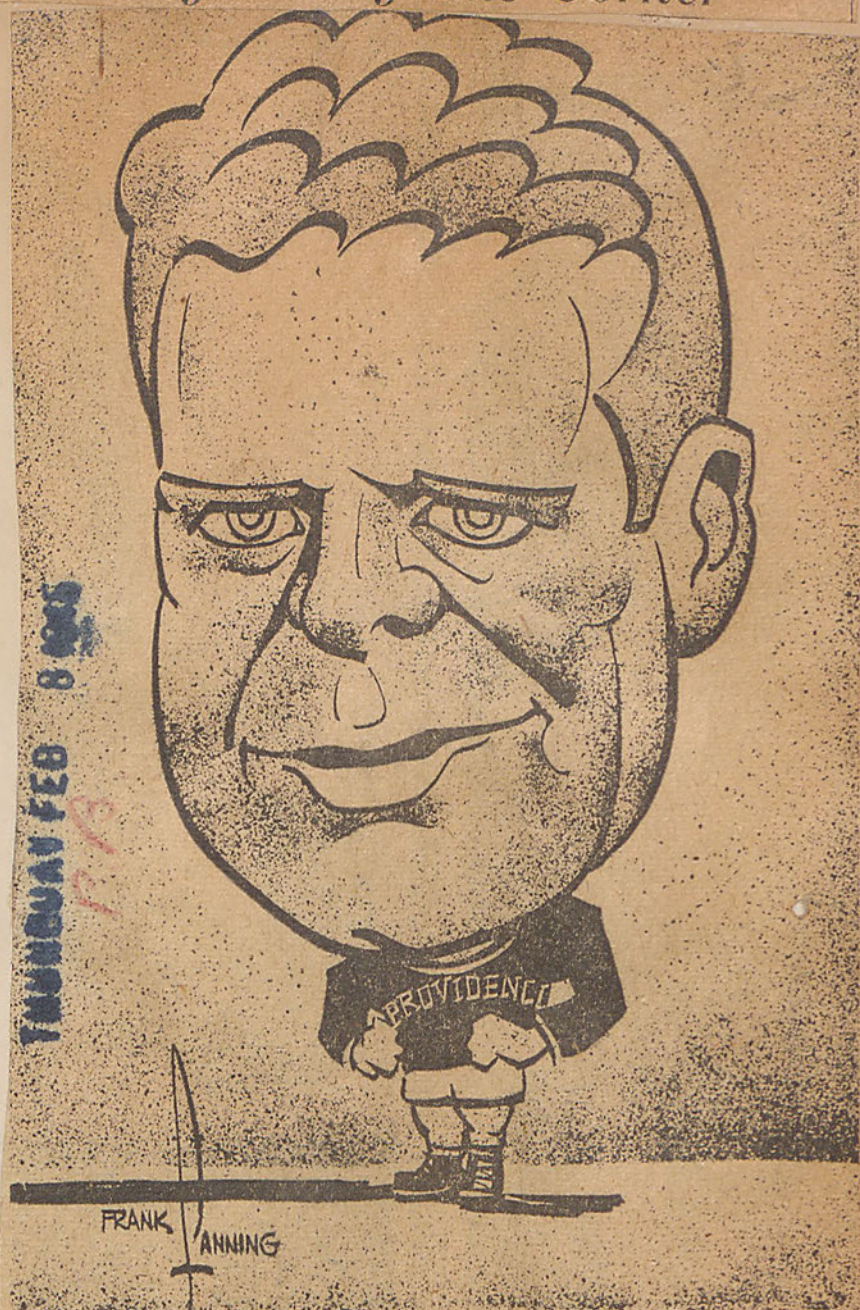
FRIDAY FEB 9 1915
The State party making the trip in two hours from Kingston, encountered only normal troubles

until they tangled with Providence's traffic snarls; Coogan made the trip from Union Station to the Auditorium in the back of a truck; Coach Crotty of the Friars made most of the trip by foot, and admitted that he had to run most of the way in order to make progress. In that we could—and did sympathize, convinced by personal experience.

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Coach Keaney disclosed that the Rams' game with Camp Endicott, scheduled for next Thursday, has been shifted in order to permit the State squad to start that day for Buffalo, where they will meet Detroit the ensuing Saturday.

P. S.—I don't know how many were there—it was too dark to see.

Brightening His Corner



ED CROTTY

Since Providence College abandoned football, the Friar coach has assisted with the football fortunes of Brown, first as scout and end coach under Skip Stahley and this last season as Rip Engle's right bower. In the first place, it was a grand gesture on the part of the Dominican school to allow him this opportunity, and in the second place it was a wise move, for he has become a splendid ambassador of good will, developing and cementing the finest relations ever enjoyed by the athletic departments and student bodies of the two schools. His exemplary conduct in his present dual role has materially furthered the probability of a spot on the Bruin grid schedule for the Friars, an event which certainly should be a part of this State's annual sports parade.

Because few colleges and their coaching staffs have courage enough to stake their records and reputations on teams suffering from manpower shortage during the present emergency, several schools have fielded "informal" teams. Up at the River Avenue institution the students wanted a basketball team, however weak, and they have one, green and small, but one which is the full-fledged representative of a school with a grand basketball tradition. Its record will go down on the books with the best of them, because its college and its coach realize the basic precepts of sports. Ed Crotty is a decided asset to sports in this area, and we hope we will find him at Providence College as its athletic head for many years to come.

LANNING

FRIARS TO PLAY IN BOSTON GARDEN

P. C. TEAM, RIDER CLASH IN OPENER THURSDAY NIGHT

Providence Accepts Bid to
Substitute for Marshall,
Which Lacks Players

TUESDAY FEB 13 1945

The spirited little team that put Providence College back on the basketball map this season after an absence since the 1942-43 campaign will step on to the big time Thursday night when it opposes Rider College of Trenton, N. J., in one end of a double-header at the Boston Garden, officials at the Garden announced last night.

The Friars will substitute for Marshall College of Huntington, W. Va., according to Bill Mokray, director of basketball at the Garden, who found himself in somewhat of a spot, he said, when the Marshallese informed him that they had run out of manpower with which to complete their schedule.

Mokray Sends Bid

Mokray, cherishing fond memories of the Rhode Island State-Providence College rivalry of other days when he was publicity director at State and having heard encouraging reports about the pep displayed by the Friar "revival" quintet, sent through a bid to Providence College to serve as Marshall's sub, and the Friars accepted.

The Rev. Aloysius B. Begley, O. P., director of athletics at Providence College, last night confirmed acceptance of the invitation. He said Mokray had sounded the Friars out on the subject of playing in the Garden earlier in the season, but at that time college athletic authorities felt their squad wouldn't be equal to such a venture. A player shortage, caused by the war's drain on the student body, forced the college to abandon basketball in 1943, and the current campaign really was started only as an experiment, since it was questionable whether enough manpower was on hand for a regular season.

"Now, we think the boys deserve a chance to play in the Garden," Father Begley said, "and we feel they can make a satisfactory showing against Rider."

Rider Stronger

Rider, on paper, figures to be several points better than the Friars, but Coach Ed Crotty's charges, who average only five feet, eight inches at a time when so much emphasis is placed on rangy players, make up in part for their small stature by their aggressiveness. Their team play has improved with each of their six appearances. They have beaten the Gould Island navy team, Quonset Hedrons and Northeastern and have lost to Brown, twice, and to the crack army quintet from Lovell General Hospital.

The Providence-Rider game will be Thursday night's opener and will start at 8 p. m. United States Coast Guard Academy from New London and Geneva College from Beaverford, Pa., will meet in the second contest scheduled for 9:30 o'clock.

One of Rider's standouts is Tommy Patterson, a 23-year-old six-foot four Freshman, who has just joined the squad after having delayed his education to help fight the war. He is a discharged coast guardman, wears the Purple Heart, has received a presidential citation and has taken part in three major invasions.

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THURSDAY FEB 15 1945
Lineups

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Arzooonianian, c	Hand
Whelan, lg	Paterson
Corry, rg	lg. Kunsch
	rg. Rossi
Time—8:00 p. m. Referees—Edward J. Boyle and Harry B. Baker.	

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COAST GUARD	GENEVA
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Basketball Windup

THURSDAY FEB 15 1945 *Boston Herald Feb 15*

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WEDNESDAY FEB 14 1945

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Between the halves of the first game, Charlestown and Roxbury Boys' Clubs will clash to decide their championship, while South Boston will meet South End Boys' Club during the intermission of the second contest.

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Friars Five Plays Here

Providence College will get its first taste of major competition in the Boston Garden Thursday night substituting for Marshall College against Rider.

Marshall lost two stars late last week through scholastic deficiencies and expects to lose three more to the armed forces this week. As a result, the West Virginia club has been forced to call it "quits" for the rest of the season.

The United States Coast Guard Academy and Geneva College, which have been wallowing in tough luck all season, finally found themselves, on the eve of their important meeting at the Boston Garden this Thursday.

The Cadets from New London trounced Brown, one of the strongest in New England this winter, 38-32 last Saturday, while Geneva bowled over Carnegie Tech handsomely, 61-45.

The Coast Guard Academy proved its superiority over Brown beyond all doubt. The Cadets acquired a 6-0 lead and led throughout, with Jimmy Anderson and Tommy Wetmore leading with the parade of shots.

IN RUNNING

Geneva, which has dropped decisions by margins of 2, 3, 6 and twice by four points, is much better than its 8-6 record indicates. In fact, the Covenanters are still in the running for the Greater Pittsburgh college championship.

Because Dr. Harold A. Bruce is both a coach and biologist, Geneva is now called the "Galloping Termites." The new nickname was concocted by a co-ed who detected the speed and small size of the team.

Cage fans, who have been comparing the top notch teams that have appeared at the Garden thus far, will be interested in the following results. Over the past weekend, Bowling Green trimmed Westminster 78-57, while Valparaiso defeated Hamline 61-46. A game between Bowling Green and Valparaiso would, therefore, settle "the 1945 championship of the Boston Garden." Valparaiso, with a recent 69-61 triumph over Great Lakes, stands out as one of the best teams in the nation.

Providence Invades Garden Tonight for Clash with Rider

THURSDAY FEB 15 1945

Friars to Play Jersey Team in

Double-header Opener;

Squad Set to Go

BY BARNEY MADDEN

Providence College, which resumed basketball this season after a war-enforced lapse without very rosy hopes of winning any games, moves into the Boston Garden tonight for a joust with Rider College's quintet from Trenton, N. J.

The Friars and Rider will meet in the first half of the twin-bill that features Coast Guard Academy and Geneva College of Beaver Falls, Pa.

Providence, with one of the smallest teams in the country, has come along much faster than expected; has won four of its seven games and, though much smaller than the Jersey quintet, is likely to turn tonight's battle into a fast, high scoring engagement.

Capt. Leo LaBoissiere, Ted Horan and Johnny Arzoomanian, the Friars' high-scoring front line, are expected to cause their bigger foes plenty of trouble with their speed and ball handling. All three shoot well and have developed a lot of snappy play making.

Bob Corry, gradually rounding into playing condition after his term in the navy, and Dick Whalen, perhaps the most improved player on the squad, have tightened the defense greatly and have worked into the offense nicely.

Arzoomanian, the team's leading scorer, has played better ball in each succeeding game and will be depended upon to bear the brunt of the point-making tonight. Arzoomanian, on the husky side, but only five feet, eight inches tall, will have as his personal opponent Tom Patterson, who reaches six feet, four inches into

Paul Roedel and Don Pugliese, forwards, and Alfred Rossi and Kenneth Kunsch, guards, round out Riders' starting lineup. Patterson is a war veteran, Pugliese and Kunsch seniors. Pugliese is the leading scorer with a 15-point average.

Rider went into a slump a few weeks back, but in its last start was nipped only nine points by St. John's. Rider has split with Villanova and shaded Princeton.

Coach Ed Crotty, who has done a splendid job developing the inexperienced Friars, will take his squad to Boston early this afternoon. The game will get under way at 8 o'clock.

ALL-STAR TILT RE-SCHEDULED

FOR FEB. 21ST
FRIDAY FEB 16 1945

Teams to Play Prelim on
P. C.-Marine Card at
Harkins Hall

The CYO Eastern-CYO Western All-Stars will play their long-awaited basketball contest on Wednesday evening, Feb. 21st, on the Harkins Court at 7:30 o'clock. The main attraction will bring together the Providence College and Boston Marines Station quintets.

The CYO Stars were set to play last Thursday night but the bad snowstorm prevented them from going ahead with their game. The feature game for that night, Providence College-Rhode Island State, will be played at a later date down in Kingston, home of the Rams.

The present All-Star squads, and the adjective "present" is used because, no doubt, by game time, another player or two will have been called into the service, as was the case last week for Hal Smith and Joe Flaherty of the Western All-Stars, comprise the following men:

Eastern Section—Captain Frank Harrington, William Gallagher, Dan Morrissey, Jim Peluso, Martin Gannon, Sally Bartolomucci, Amerco Carbone, Ed Choiniere, Jack Boubin, George Tracy and John (Bud) Donovan. Paul (Lefty) Fouchcourt and Jim Flynn, coaches.

Western Section—Captain Lou Gelsomino, Francis (Hank) Gribbin, John Farrell, Jack Carty, Jack Sharpe, Gerard Labossonniere, Stephen O'Neil, William White, Thomas Ferns, Luciano Mangiacapra, Pat Maguire, Ray Gaudet, Walt Reilly and John Davey. Tony Fionte and Leo Walsh, coaches.

Tickets for these games, at 60 cents each, are on sale at CYO Headquarters.

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THAT

FRI DAY FEB 16 1945
By A. J. C. Paul Walker

Don't ever let anyone tell you that the CYO boys don't love their basketball. What happened to them last Thursday night shouldn't happen to a dog (a St. Bernard if you insist). This columnist departed from CYO Hdqts. about 5:25 p. m., after Bob Englert (CYO Publicity Dept.) and Lou Wright (K. of C. Scribe) had both wished me luck when I told them that I was headed for the R. I. Auditorium where the CYO All-Stars were to play a basketball game.

The trolley which I boarded in front of the Cathedral got me as far as Washington street. I walked from there to the Mall. There were, I would say, approximately 300 others waiting for transportation. After a wait of about three quarters of an hour, I made my way across the street to a taxi stand. What a joke that was! The driver said, "Brother, I'm going to stay put at least another half hour. I just returned from a trip that took me over an hour. It usually takes me 20 minutes. Yes sir, I'm not moving for anyone."

I then went up to the Union Station. Oh yes! I forgot to mention that by this time I had started to meet the CYO All-Stars who like myself (and the other poor souls) were wondering how they were going to get to their destination. "Bud" Donovan and Jack Boubin (St. Thomas players) accompanied me to the Union Station where we phoned Father Delaney. We figured that he'd pick us up on his way out to the Auditorium, that is, if he was going with the things the way they were. If we phoned once we phoned a half dozen times but still no connection. There was one phone okay. Yeah, but brother, what a line waiting to use it !!!

It was after eight o'clock by this time. The Pawtucket trackless trolleys had begun to show up at the Mall. What a reception the first bus got when it pulled in. They tell me the driver is in the hospital with a few broken ribs. We wouldn't be the least surprised (we were one of those who was shoved into him). That bus got as far as the Washington Memorial. And that's all, brother! We then got out. And there was Billy Gallagher of St. Patrick's and Jim Peluso of Assumption walking in disgust back to the city. "No game fellows, I guess," exclaimed Billy. He was right!

By this time better than two-thirds of our Eastern and Western All-Stars' squads had gathered. We phoned Mr. Pieri's arena once more. "Game or no game, the All-Stars are here and can't get there," we told Nick Carter (ticket dept.). "As far as I know the games haven't been called off. There are a few players on the floor. Father Begley got here." Mr. Carter said. With this we left Bill Graham's store from where we had phoned. We returned to the corner where we had left the players, All but Miss Prince and Morrissey had left. They had made another attempt to reach the arena. The bus was still there. It was then we decided that the CYO boys love their basketball. Are we right?

FRIARS BOW TO RIDER FIVE, 60-50

P. C. Battles Gallantly Against Height Handicap

Arzoomanian Tops Scorers;
Towering Opponents Rule
Backboard Play

FRIDAY FEB 16 1945

BY BARNEY MADDEN

Boston, Feb. 15.—Providence College waged a game battle against tremendous odds in size and experience here tonight, and ultimately bowed, 60 to 50, to Rider College from Trenton, N. J., in the opening game of the doubleheader at the Boston Garden before 2020 fans.

Geneva College outlasted Coast Guard Academy in the second game, 33 to 37, after holding a 25-to-20 lead at the end of the first half. One of their shots dropped into the hoop just as the period ended.

This game was a battle of big fellows with the accent on setting up plays slowly, in contrast to the speed of the action of the P. C.-Rider encounter.

The Friars, one of the smallest teams in the nation, perhaps the smallest of all in the front court, weren't confronted by the biggest foes possible, but so far as they are concerned, the Rough Riders will do until some bigger ones come along. They definitely were ample.

For instance, there was Tom Patterson, a six-foot, four-inch center who had a replacement, Mickey Stradling, who was the same size. When you take into consideration that Johnny Arzoomanian, a five-foot eight-inch performer, is biggest of the Friars front line trio, the disadvantages confronting Friars is immediately apparent.

Hustled All the Way

However, they did a splendid job. hustled all the way, forced their more experienced opponents into frequent errors and generated plenty of excitement among the small crowd when they drove from a 46-36 deficit to 46-42 midway through the second half. That drive, however, eventually faded in the face of virtually insurmountable physical obstacles.

The Friars were resigned to one-shot sniping. When they missed they didn't have the ball any more because one or another of the rugged Rough Riders would appropriate the rebound for himself and launch a new attack.

Still the Friars achieved one distinction—apart from that which accrues from a spirited and polished performance—they waltzed away with high gun honors when Arzoomanian notched 19 points, four more than Paul Roedel accumulated in pacing the rough rider attack.

Whelan did a grand job, frequently clearing the defensive board although spotting the opposition plenty of height, weight and reach. It was quite a feat, but even the little guys did it on occasion although in the main, the rough Riders were in command of the boards and won the game there.

The Friars, essaying an iron man role, used only one replacement, Mandeville, who took over for Horan for two minutes after Ted slightly twisted his ankle early in the second half.

The Raiders, good ball handlers with a penchant for the fancy, used pickoff plays quite well, but not well enough to escape detection and principally because of that yen for the tricky, the Friars picked up 12 points on free throws.

Picking off was profitable for the Raiders, especially in view of the differences in size, but the scrappy little Friars took their bumps and kept coming back for more.

Raiders Secure

However, by controlling the boards and being able to force their way in close for layups, the Raiders generally were in position of reasonable security.

P. C. missed six free throws out of 18, the Raiders nine out of 15 but converted four missed free throws into field goals, a neat trick if you can do it and with six-four performers under the hoop you can.

RIDER (60)			PROVIDENCE (50)		
	G.	F. P.		G.	F. P.
Roedel,lf	7	1 15	L'Boissiere,lf	5	0 10
B'menthal,lf	3	3 9	Horan,rf	2	3 7
Pugliese,rf	6	0 12	Mandeville,rf	0	0 0
Back,rf	0	1 1	Arz'manian,c	7	5 19
Patterson,c	4	0 8	Whelan,lg	1	2 4
Stradling,c	1	0 2	Corry,rg	4	2 10
Rossi,lg	2	1 5			
Kunsch,rg	4	0 8			

Totals .. 27 6 60 Totals .. 19 12 50
 Half-time score: Rider 27, Providence 25. Free throws missed—Arzoomanian 4, Whelan, P. Roedel 2, Blumenthal 2, Pugliese, Patterson 3, Kunsch 2. Referee—Edward J. Boyle.

P. C. jumped into a 3-0 lead at the outset, then faded into a 14-6 deficit, a situation that seemed to inspire them more than it discouraged, and shortly after a series of fast-breaking plays and some timely set shooting by Bob Corry, they pulled up into a tie and went ahead when Ted Horan perpetrated a brazen ball theft and fired a long pass to Arzoomanian, which Johnny converted deftly.

Size Takes Its Toll

Size began to take its toll again and the Jersey aggregation was in the van, 27 to 25, at the half.

Ken Kunsch, Bernard Blumenthal and Roedel spearheaded a subsequent Rider raid and Patterson and Stradling took turns in ruling the Rider backboard so that the Riders gradually pulled into a 44-34 lead.

Once again the frisky Friars rallied. Corry dropped in a long set shot, but Roedel matched that from right under the hoop. Leo La Boissiere, the 122-pounder who sparkled during the surge, hooked in a beauty, then looped one from the corner as Jean Mandeville, the Friars' only replacement, set up the play. Then Arzoomanian stole the ball, feinted his foes out of position and flipped to La Boissiere, who eased in a leaping shot.

That aroused the crowd, but a long shot by Pugliese, a tap in by Patterson, a Blumenthal free throw upped the advantage to 51-44 before Arzoomanian banged in a long one and Corry a free flip.

Rodel, Blumenthal, Rossi, scored for the Riders before Dick Whelan converted a La Boissiere pass into a goal, making the score 57-47. At that point Arzoomanian crashed because of a charley horse, but he soon resumed play and contributed the Friars' final points on a corner shot after a Corry pass and rounded out an excellent night's work with a free throw.

Horan, La Boissiere and Arzoomanian worried the big Riders no end, but in the final analysis the Friars' frailities proved fatal to their hopes.

Corry, Whelan Star
 In the back court Corry and

Providence and Coast Guard Drop Garden Cage Contests

By EDWARD BULGER

The curtain was lowered on the first college basket ball season at the Garden last night before 2020 fans, with the season's only game to be decided by one point providing the last act. Geneva was the victor in that clash, edging the United States Coast Guard Academy, 38-37, after Providence College, subbing for Marshall College, went down before Rider College, 60-50.

The double defeat for the New England quintets followed form, although both the Friars and Cadets gave the opposition plenty of trouble. The latter, as evidenced from the score, had the better chance to triumph; in fact, it blew several easy opportunities under the basket. Those failures to capitalize on close-in shots really sank the Coast Guardsmen and made their closing drive futile.

The Cadets, after trailing 25-20 at half-time, saw Geneva pull away to an eight-point lead, 37-29, as the second half was beginning to wane. Then the academy quintet picked up three baskets and a foul to creep up to 36-37. This was the score when Tom Wetmore, who had made three of those valuable points, stepped to the foul line for two shots—and missed two.

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Score on Double Foul

It was shortly after this, as Geneva was trying to freeze the ball, that a double foul was called. Bob Duin, Coast Guard sub, was injured on the collision and had to leave the game, leaving the task of tying the game on the shoulders of his replacement, Frank Gaither. He made good, but then Bob Neislein of Geneva sank his free throw to give his team the one-point margin again.

Bill DeVenzio, Geneva captain, was the chief cog in his team's win, collecting 12 points, but six other mates helped to provide valuable points. None of the Cadets reached double figures, high man being Wet-

Providence
Finis!

RIDER	PROVIDENCE		
	G	F	P
Kunsch rf... 4	8	0	0
Harris rf... 0	0	0	0
Pugliese lf... 6	0	12	0
Fillici lf... 0	0	0	0
Patterson c... 4	0	8	0
Stradling c... 1	0	2	0
Blumthal rg... 3	3	3	0
Roedel rg... 7	1	15	0
Sopp rg... 0	0	0	0
Rossi lg... 2	1	5	0
Zack lg... 0	1	1	0
Totals....	27	6	60

GENEVA	COAST GUARD A.		
	G	F	P
Podbielski rf... 3	1	7	0
Cable rf... 0	0	0	0
Stewart rf... 2	1	5	0
Lipp lf... 2	3	7	0
McComb c... 0	3	3	0
Hmiel c... 0	1	1	0
Neislein rg... 1	1	3	0
Battles rg... 0	0	0	0
DeVenzio lg... 6	0	12	0
Morrow lg... 0	0	0	0
Totals....	14	10	38

more. The former Yale athlete had four baskets and a foul for nine points.

In the opening game the height advantage that Rider had over Providence was a deciding factor. The Friars tried to run the New Jersey quintet into the floor and was fairly successful in the first half, rallying from a 6-16 deficit to trail at intermission only 25-27. But when play resumed the Rider quintet not only snared the rebounds off the Providence backboard, but what was more important followed up their own shots and tallied for baskets that helped settle the issue. At one point the Friars narrowed the deficit to four points, 42-46, but then saw their rivals pull away again.

John Arzoomanian, Providence center, took scoring honors in this tilt, with seven baskets and five fouls for 19 points. Paul Roedel, Rider guard, set the pace for the winners with 15 points.

Loop Game Goes Out on Whisper

The collegiate basketball song at the Garden is ended, but whether the melody will linger on is problematical. Certainly Boston cannot be accused of going wild over the game this, its first, season.

A sparse gathering of 2020 sat in at the final double-header, which saw Rider College defeat under-manned Providence College 60-50 and Geneva College edge Coast Guard Academy 38-37.

Strangely, the Rider-Providence game was the better to watch. The Friars broke fast and trailed only 27-25 at half-time. But they lacked size to cope with Rider's Tom Patterson under the basket and substitutes to cope with Paul Roedel and Co. And though center John Arzoomanian was the best man on the floor the Friars exhausted themselves, and Rider rolled away in the last 10 minutes. Arzoomanian led the scorers with 19 points.

Geneva, with Bill De Venzio setting a brilliant pace, seemed to have little trouble with CG, and the apathetic audience evidently didn't realize the game was close until the final minute of play.

Geneva, Rider

FRIDAY FEB 15 1945
Win at Garden

Guardsmen Nipped

In Dramatic Finish

By RALPH WHEELER

Geneva College of Beaver Falls, Pa., nosed out Coast Guard Academy of New London, 38 to 37, in a game that had most of the crowd of 2020 standing on their feet and cheering wildly for the Guardsmen to tie the score in the last two minutes of their game at the Garden last night.

It was a fitting climax to the first season of college basketball at the Garden and completed a good doubleheader. Rider College of Trenton, N. J., defeated Providence College, 60 to 50, in the first game to start the downfall of the two New England teams by the visitors.

The first game between Rider and Providence provided the best exhibition of basketball, but the second game packed more thrills, particularly the final two minutes when Geneva was trying to protect its slender margin of 37-36.

The most dramatic moment of the entire season of seven college doubleheaders occurred when Tommy Wetmore, former Yale player and now a Coast Guard star, drew two free throws, 30 seconds from the final bell.

He missed both, however, and Geneva still led 37-36 when a double foul was called on Bob Duin of the Coast Guard and Bos Neisslein of Geneva with 20 seconds to go.

Duin injured his leg so badly when he collided with Neisslein in a desperate attempt to get possession of the ball that Frank Gaither had to take his free throw.

Gaither, on the spot more than Wetmore had been, stepped up to the foul line all alone. He came through like a real competitor to tie the score, but his "clutch" performance was nullified when Neisslein also made his shot to put Geneva ahead again, 38-37. The game ended a few seconds later.

Geneva really won the game from the foul line, converting 10 of 21 free throws against 5 out of 13 for Coast Guard.

RIDER COLLEGE				PROVIDENCE COLLEGE			
	gls	fls	pts		gls	fls	pts
Kunsch,rf	4	0	8	Whelan,lf	2	2	6
Harris,rf	0	0	0	Corry,rg	4	2	10
Pugliese,lf	6	0	12	Arzoom'n,c	7	5	19
Blumen'l,lf	2	3	7	Labossi'e,lf	5	0	10
Sopp,lf	0	0	0	Horan,rf	1	3	5
Patterson,c	4	0	8	Mandle,rf	0	0	0
Stradling,c	1	0	2				
Blume'al,rg	7	0	2				
Roedel,rg	0	1	15				
Filiaci,rg	0	0	0				
Rossi,lg	2	1	5				
Zack,lg	0	1	1				
Totals	27	6	60	Totals	19	12	50

Referees—Eddie Boyle and Jim Blake

GENEVA				COAST GUARD			
	gls	fls	pts		gls	fls	pts
Lipp,rf	2	3	7	Ried,lg	1	1	3
Podb'ski,lf	3	1	7	Gaither,lg	1	0	2
Cable,lf	0	0	0	Dorsey,rg	3	0	6
Stewart,lf	2	1	5	Duin,rg	0	0	0
McComb,c	0	3	3	Chance,c	2	0	4
Hmiel,c	0	1	1	Ross,c	0	0	0
DeV'zic,rg	6	0	12	Ander'n,lf	3	2	8
Morrow,rg	0	0	0	Gaither,lf	1	1	3
Niess'l,lg	1	1	3	Wetm're,rf	4	1	9
Battles,lg	0	0	0	Green,rf	1	0	2
Totals	14	10	38	Totals	16	5	37

Referees—Harry Greenberg and Carlton Merritt

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Erratic Shooting Wrecks P.C.'s Chances for Upset

Providence Misses 17 Out of
27 Free Throws; LaBoissiere
Leads with 15 Points

BY BARNEY MADDEN

Storrs, Conn., Feb. 17.—Erratic shooting, just when the opportunity to spring an upset beckoned, cost Providence College a 48-42 verdict here tonight in a spirited and somewhat rugged encounter with the University of Connecticut before approximately 1200 patrons.

Outscored from the field of battle 21 goals to 16 but afforded ample opportunity to capitalize on the hazards of passage through the Uconn defense, the young Friars missed 17 of their 27 free flips and, thereby, missed the victory boat. The Uconns also were weak in that department, muffing nine out of 16.

The Friars started auspiciously enough and, despite their shooting errors, sped into a 14-to-8 lead. The chances to enhance that position were there, but the Friars were missing, bothered to some extent by the height of the opposition, but missing none-the-less. By the same token the Uconns were off in their shooting, but their advantages in size gave them opportunities to atone for their sniping sins as they frequently got second and third chances to sink the ball.

Alesevich, Fisher Star

Walter Alesevich and Bernie Fisher, Connecticut veterans, were extremely bothersome to the Friars throughout the fray but especially in the late stages of the first half, frequently intercepting passes by anticipating the play and getting there first. It was ball thievery of the better kind.

After going into that 14-8 lead, the Friars slowed their attack, and that was just what the Uconns wanted, at least that was just what the Uconns thrived on for by half time they had captured the lead, 24 to 18, a switch in fortunes that represented a 16 to 4 surge by Connecticut.

but it developed that his right hand had been injured late in the first half, impairing his marksmanship and ball handling no little.

The summary:

CONNECTICUT (48)			PROVIDENCE (42)				
G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.		
Fisher, f.	5	1	11	La Boss're, f	7	1	15
Hickey, f.	6	0	12	Mandeville, f	0	0	0
Granato, c.	0	1	1	Horan, f.	4	1	9
Markiew'z, c.	5	1	11	Arzoom'n, c.	3	6	12
Rodgers, c.	0	0	0	Corry, g.	2	1	5
Alesevich, c.	2	3	7	Whelan, g.	0	1	1
Hollman, g.	0	0	0	Boyle, g.	0	0	0
Nanos, g.	3	0	6				
Herbert, g.	0	0	0				
Totals	21	6	48	Totals	16	10	42

Referees—Dissinger and Heller.

That's where the game was decided in the second half each team scored 24 points. The Friars, using only two subs for one minute, tired in the stretch.

By working in close and making good use of their physical attributes the Uconns worked their way into a 32-22 lead before the Friars got frisky again and threw a scare into the camp of the home heroes. Leo LaBoissiere, the mightiest of the P. C. mites, started the rally with a dazzling push shot, executed while running, added a free throw and then Ted Horan scored a free throw. LaBoissiere, collaborating with Horan and Johnny Arzoomanian on a fast break, scored again and Arzoomanian added a free throw which caused the score to read Connecticut 32, Providence 29, and caused the Connecticut to pause and consider what to do about this menace.

Friars Miss Free Flips

At that point the Friars contributed to the solution by missing three consecutive free flips and Fisher out-scrambled all and sundry under the Huskies' hoop and slammed in a field goal. LaBoissiere came right back, firing home another leaping push shot and a layup, with Horan assisting, before Alesevich and Fisher broke through for the Huskies and put the game back in Connecticut's control.

From there on it was principally a case of swapping baskets.

LaBoissiere was the outstanding performer, scoring 15 points, although under a severe handicap in duelling with the husky opposition. Fisher and Jules Markiewicz, another Uconn veteran, scored 11 apiece. Bob Corry and Dick Whelan had their hands full in rebound battles but did well, Corry supplementing his defensive work with a brace of baskets from the far places. Bill Hickey, a rugged individual, scored 12 for Connecticut and did notable work under the hoops.

Arzoomanian was limited to 12 points and missed seven free throws

FRIARS AND RAMS TO FEATURE HOOP CARD THIS WEEK

MONDAY FEB 19 1945

State Plays in Maine Thurs-
day, at Home Saturday;

P. C. Faces Service Fives

MONDAY FEB 19 1945
BY BARNEY MADDEN

With Brown all through for the season, Rhode Island State and Providence College will provide the college basketball entertainment for fans hereabouts this week, and probably provide a couple of victories apiece for themselves.

The Rams, impressively triumphant over Detroit in Buffafflo Saturday night, will be home long enough to pick up their laundry before starting for Orono, where they will tangle with the University of Maine Thursday night. After giving their annual exhibition for their Orono fans, the Rams will return for a Saturday night session with Brooklyn Poly, not to be confused with Brooklyn College.

Providence College, meanwhile, will be making preparations to entertain one of the best and most popular athletes in Friar history—Lt. Joe Sullivan of the Marines, captain of the last Friar football team.

Sullivan, athletic officer for the Boston marines, is player-coach of the Marine quintet, which tangles with the Friars Wednesday night at Harkins Hall. An added attraction will be the CYO all-star game originally scheduled for the Auditorium the night the lights went out during the storm.

MONDAY FEB 19 1945
Friars to Entertain CASU

On Saturday the Friars will entertain CASU, eager to balance the books for the season. The Friars have dropped five games, won three, but are confident that they can boost the average to .500 this week.

At Storrs Saturday they looked good in spots, but their inexperience cost them a chance to win—inexperience and inferior foul shooting. There were times when they had the Huskies on the run, but they failed to keep applying the pressure, and eventually lost the game.

Little Leo LaBoissiere was the top performer, scoring 13 of his 15 points during the second half. His play throughout was excellent.

WEDNESDAY FEB 21 1945

Sullivan Brings Marine Five For Tilt with Alma Mater

WEDNESDAY FEB 21 1945
Ex-P. C. Grid Captain Heads
Quintet of Pacific

Veterans

WEDNESDAY FEB 21 1945

One of the greatest of all the Friars, Lt. Joe Sullivan of the marines, returns to Providence College tonight and brings a quintet of veterans of the Pacific warfare with him to do a bit of basketball battling with the scrappy Friar quintet at 8:30 o'clock in Harkins Hall.

Sullivan, former P. C. football captain, is athletic officer for the marines in Boston and has assembled a marine team that has campaigned with considerable success this season, after greater successes against the Japs.

Virtually every member of the squad is an overseas veteran with

plenty of action against the Japs to their credit.

Urbanowicz is the leading scorer with an average of 19 points a game and is expected to give the Friars plenty of trouble.

Coach Ed Crotty's charges, however, have improved with each outing and have developed poise along with experience and have reached the point where they can give a good account of themselves in almost any duel.

Johnny Arzoomanian, who received a hand injury that caused considerable swelling and minimized his effectiveness against Connecticut last Saturday, is back in shape and Ted Horan's ankle, slightly twisted in the Boston Garden game, is responding nicely to treatment so the team should be stronger tonight than during the past two games.

A preliminary game, at 7:30 o'clock, will bring together the Eastern and Western Division All Stars from the CYO League.

FRIARS FLASH HOOP SPEED

DEFEAT BOSTON MARINES, 68-53

Three-Man Breaks Prove Too Much for War Veterans

Ex-P. C. Grid Star Leads

Visitors; Arzoomanian Is

THURSDAY FEB 22 1945

BY BARNEY MADDEN

It is well understood that the Marines make few tactical errors but last night the Boston Marines basketball team made a mistake—trying to match the speed of the Providence College cagers—and in erring simplified matters for the fleet Friars who won, 68 to 53, before a full house at Harkins Hall.

Trying to outrun the Friars was a severe strain on wind and limb and ruinous to the Leathernecks' victory chances.

Be-ribboned and be-medalled, many of them lately returned from Jap-slapping in the Pacific, the Marines played good ball, individually and collectively, and menaced often even though they never did catch up.

Piloted by Lt. Joe Sullivan of Providence, former Friar football star and captain, the youthful veterans of the wars trailed 36 to 25 at

The Friars' play was a big improvement on the last two games, particularly on defense, where the lapses were few and far between. On offense the passing of LaBoissiere, Horan and Arzoomanian clicked nicely and Corry and Whelan were there to start things anew whenever the front trio was stymied. Ted Dailey scored his first basket of the season, the hard way. His broken hand was heavily taped but he used it for a perfect pop from almost mid-court in the final minute.

PROVIDENCE (68)			MARINES (53)							
G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.					
LaBoissiere	15	2	12	Urbanowicz	14	0	8			
Carr	1	0	2	Wilkinson	16	0	12			
M'derville	1	0	0	Sullivan	1	0	0			
Horan	6	1	13	O'Connor	9	0	18			
Boyle	0	0	0	Quinn	1	2	4			
Arz'm'n'n	8	9	25	Deyermond	2	0	4			
Grossi	0	0	0	Kaczmarek	0	0	0			
Corry	4	0	8	Devlin	2	3	7			
Whelan	2	2	6	B'ithiaume	0	0	0			
Patel	0	0	0							
Dolan	0	0	0							
Dailey	1	0	2							
Dwyer	0	0	0							
Totals			27	14	68	Totals		24	5	53

Officials: MacKay and Kutneski.

halftime but had crept up to 39-33 before the second half was very old Leo LaBoissiere and Johnny Arzoomanian, operating on 3-man breaks with Ted Horan, boosted the margin to 44-33 before Ray Urbanowicz fired from the corner and Warren Deyermond, formerly of Dartmouth, hooked in a beauty, cutting the Friars' margin to seven points.

Speed Settles Issue

Then speed settled the issue and during a brief but blistering burst, Arzoomanian, Horan and Dick Whelan scored for the Friars and the nearest the Marines came thereafter was eight points.

When that happened Arzoomanian, Horan and Whelan ripped the ribbons again after well executed plays and the Friars, really clicking now, gradually widened the gap.

Bob Corry and Whelan, the Friar guards, got quite a rugged workout but handled themselves very well, supplementing their fine defensive work by scoring 14 points between them and frequently getting fast-breaking plays in motion. A Corry tap pass to Arzoomanian that was promptly re-routed into the hoop was one of the bright spots of a game wherein sharp passing, short and

was the rule rather than the exception.

Arzoomanian Leads

Arzoomanian led the scorers with 25 points, collecting nine on free flips, LaBoissiere notched 12 and Ted Horan, although out of action several minutes because of a twisted ankle, 13.

A big, fast and rugged lad, Irving O'Connor of West Haven, paced the Marines with 18 points, often working from the pivot and at other times getting in close where he topped off deft passing attacks by good shooting. Frank Wilkinson, formerly of De Paul, scored 12 points. John Devlin and Deyermond, although not scoring heavily, played very good all-around ball.

WEST ALL-STARS TOP EASTERN FIVE

Quintets from CYO League

Play Preliminary to Friars-

Marines Tilt
THURSDAY FEB 22 1945

Holding a lead which they never relinquished the Western All-Stars edged out the Eastern All-Stars of the Providence CYO Intermediate League, 36-33, last night in Harkins Hall in a preliminary game to the Providence College-Boston Marines contest.

Capt. Lou Gelsomino (St. Mary's), Jack Carty (St. Mary's), Hank Gribbin (Holy Name) and John (Jiggs) Farrell (St. Teresa's) were the leading players for the winning side, while Dan Morrissey (St. Pius), Jim Peluso (Assumption), Bill Gallagher (St. Patrick's) and Bud Donovan (St. Thomas) carried the burden for the shortenders.

The period scores: Western, 9-5; 19-13; 32-27.

WESTERN ALL-STARS (36)				EASTERN ALL-STARS (33)			
G.	F.	P.		G.	F.	P.	
Carty, lf.	5	2	12	Boubin, lf.	1	0	2
Ferns, lf.	0	0	0	Morrissey, rf	2	5	9
Gaudet, rf.	0	1	1	Peluso, rf.	2	1	5
Sharpe, rf.	1	0	2	Gallagher, rf.	2	1	5
Reilly, rf.	0	3	3	Harr'n (C)	4	0	8
Gels'o (C)	5	5	15	Bartolo'ci, c	0	0	0
Gribbin, lg.	0	1	1	Choiniere, lg.	0	0	0
Farrell, rg.	1	0	2	Donovan, rg	2	0	4
Davey, rg.	0	0	0				
Maguire, rg.	0	0	0				
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FRIARS ENTERTAIN CASU FIVE TONIGHT

P. C. to Match Speed, Agility
Against Size, Experience in

Harkins Hall, Duel
SATURDAY FEB 24 1945
BY BARNEY MADDEN

The CASU cagers from Quonset, one of the stronger hoop teams in service circles, will learn for themselves tonight what has made the Providence College Friars tick so tunelessly in skirmishes with teams from the armed services.

CASU and the Friars will meet at 8:15 o'clock at Harkins Hall and, despite the frisky Friars' successes against service teams, the men from Quonset are expected to give the collegians just about all they can handle, if not more.

Providence has lost only to Lovell General Hospital in several meetings with service teams but Coach Ed Crotty believes that the size and strength—not to mention the ability—of the Cashews will enable them to provide very strenuous opposition.

In their last start the Friars disposed of the Boston Marines, where-as CASU, on Thursday night, easily defeated the Hedron team at Quonset, galloping into a 12-3 lead in the first quarter and coasting from there. Providence also has beaten Hedron substantially.

Should the Friars play the type of ball they showed against the Marines, their victory chances would be good, but if they fall into the lapses that marred their play against Rider College and Connecticut the Quonset quintet is apt to make them sadder but wiser.

Jim Warner, CASU guard and high scorer, is expected to cause most of the trouble for the Friars, as he has for virtually all CASU's opponents—both in basketball and baseball—and his running mate, Compton is apt to generate plenty of unrest among the Friar followers. Between them they collected 32 of the 39 points CASU scored against Hedron Thursday.

SATURDAY FEB 24 1945
The Friars have developed remarkably and, although spotting CASU big advantages in size and experience, will again depend upon their speed and agility. They ran the Marines ragged Wednesday night and will attempt to do as much to CASU tonight.

Capt. Leo LaBoissiere and Ted Horan, forwards, Johnny Arzoomanian center, Bob Corry and Dick Whelan, guards, will be the Friar starters as usual and, in event of a close game, also the finishers. CASU probably will open with Crompton and Manson forwards, Gilmore center, Warner and Spence guards.

Block of Seats for P. C.-Ram Game Given Up by State to Aid Gym Fund

The west section of the main floor of Rodman Gymnasium at Rhode Island State College will be reserved for Providence College at the Ram-Friar basketball game Thursday night as the result of voluntary action by State students in releasing their regular seats to the visitors.

The Rev. A. B. Begley, director of athletics at Providence College, will supervise the sale of the tickets in Providence. No other advance sale will be conducted.

An editorial titled "For Our Guests" in the current edition of the State College "Beacon," says:

"This game will give us an opportunity to help P. C. in its campaign to, raise funds for a new gymnasium.

"The State College Athletic Council wants to help by reserving

one-half of downstairs in Rodman for the P. C. fans. If this is done, more outsiders will be able to attend, and larger proceeds can be donated to P. C.'s fund.

"This plan, of course, cannot be successful without the co-operation of our students. However, for such a worthy cause, the Rhodyites won't object. It's a good opportunity for us to do something generous for another college that has done much for the reputation of Rhode Island."

Providence College's South County Alumni Club has reserved a block of 40 seats, which leaves 200 tickets available for sale to P. C. followers in Providence. The game will begin at 7:30 p. m. with the door sale of tickets opening at 6 o'clock. The reserved section tickets will be honored up to 7:20 o'clock.

Rams-Friars Tickets
On Sale at P. C. A. A.
TUESDAY FEB 27 1945
limited number of reserved seats for Thursday night's basketball game between Rhode Island State and Providence College were put on sale at the P. C. athletic office yesterday. The sale will continue today, or until the supply is exhausted.

CASU WINS, 65-43,

OVER FRIAR CAGERS

SUNDAY FEB 25 1945

P. C. Five Battles Gamely to

Offset Navy Team's Height

Advantage

SUNDAY FEB 25 1945

BY BARNEY MADDEN

The capable CASU cagers from Quonset, making excellent use of their tremendous advantages in height, defeated Providence College, 65 to 43, at Harkins Hall last night as Herschel Thompson, former Warrensburg Teachers star, paced them with 20 points.

Coach Ed Crötty's young basketball pupils didn't remember very well his lectures on ways and means of penetrating a zone defense and, because of that deficiency, passed up many an opportunity to set up scoring plays.

Undoubtedly the prospect of combatting the big Cashews awed the Friars somewhat, and the likelihood of losing the ball if they didn't sink the first shot must have caused some

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tension, but awe or tension, they were below their usual standard and against a team of CASU's potentialities, that is an invitation to disaster.

SUNDAY FEB 25 1945
Rule Rebound Market

The amiable and smooth Thompson and his towering, agile running-mate, Frank Gilmore (who played a season for Southern California before sampling the New England weather), cornered the rebound market so completely that recourse to the anti-trust laws wouldn't have been out of order for the Friars.

Sam Dellinger, another tall tar, aided and abetted nicely, and Hal Manson (Murray State Teachers) and Jim Warner, Coast League ball player, and, later, Lt. Dick Bishop, the player-coach and an ex-pro, took care of the mid-court maneuvers commendably.

The Cashews started well and soon sported a 6 to 0 lead. Then the Friars became orientated and, not only pulled up but actually went into the lead, 9-8. From that point to the intermission the Cashews lived up to their name—definitely. They were the nuts!

At halftime they were leading, 29 to 17, and when the second half opened their height helped greatly in increasing their margin, four of their first five field goals being scored as Thompson and Gilmore gazed rebounds into the ribbons. Actually, in the second half alone, they scored seven times on rebounds, despite fine work by Bob Corry and Dick Whelan.

SUNDAY FEB 25 1945
Friars Have Troubles

Meanwhile, the Friars were having their troubles. They couldn't get over the Cashews so were resigned to by-passing them, a difficult job in view of the reach and agility of the opposition. In addition, the Friars overlooked a number of enticing opportunities, a fact made increasingly apparent when they collected a number of points during their brief periods of sticking to instructions.

At that, they didn't do so badly. CASU is not only big, but is fast and has a lot of savvy. In spite of obstacles, Johnny Arzoomanian led the point parade with 22, scoring 10 on free flips out of 12 shots. Leo LaBoissiere, the Friar leader, heaved in four beauties in the second half and Ted Horan, leaping high to do so, dropped in three on pivot plays in the first half.

SUNDAY FEB 25 1945
The summary:

CASU (65)			PROV. COLL. (43)		
G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.
Thompson, f	10	0	20	4	1
Bennett, f	0	0	0	3	0
Gilmore, f	4	3	11	6	10
Johnson, f	0	0	0	1	0
Warner, c	6	1	13	1	0
Stroub, c	1	1	3	0	2
Manson, g	5	2	12		
Dellinger, g	2	0	4		
Bishop, g	1	0	2		
			Boissiere, f	4	1
			Horan, f	3	0
			Arzoomanian, c	6	10
			Manderville, c	1	0
			Corry, g	1	0
			Whelan, g	0	2

Totals 29 7 65 Totals 15 13 43
Officials—MacKay and Kutneski.

Rams, Friars End R. I. Cage Play Saturday

State, P. C. Meet Thursday
in Feature of 4-Game

Windup Week

MONDAY FEB 26 1945

BY BARNEY MADDEN

One of the most interesting, entertaining and successful basketball seasons in Rhode Island history—a season made all the more noteworthy by the uncertainties of the times—will be brought to a conclusion Saturday night.

On that night State College's Rams will visit one of their foremost foes, Connecticut, and Providence College will entertain Walsh-Kaiser at Harkins Hall.

Before that happens, State and Providence will tangle in their annual game at Kingston on Thursday night, and the Rams will meet Yeshiva College of New York Tuesday night. In all three games the Rams are definite favorites.

The State-P. C. engagement will materially help the Providence College gymnasium fund drive inasmuch as State students are giving up half the floor seats in Rodman Hall so that they can be sold to "outsiders" and the money realized added to the P. C. fund. It is a generous

gesture that undoubtedly will increase the funds considerably.

Brown Stars Gone

Brown, already finished, bade goodbye to several of its stars yesterday when the navy commissioned them ensigns and thereby scattered one of the finest teams in Bruin history.

State is a post-season possibility in a number of places, although only one, if any, will be selected by Coach Frank Keaney and his athletic council. The Rams, defeated only twice in a long schedule, have compiled one of the East's outstanding records. They recovered quickly from that setback by St. John's and rolled relentlessly over a succession of foes until Brown stopped them at Marvel Gymnasium in a brilliant battle.

Keaney's Rams are prominently mentioned as recipients of bids to the National Invitation Tournament in Madison Square Garden where their popularity is tremendous, and also are leading contenders for the right to represent this section in NCAA eliminations. Bowling Green, Rensselaer, Temple, St. John's, Muhlenberg, DePaul, Albright, Akron and Utah are among the group from which the Garden field will be selected.

State Romps Twice

During the past week, State romped over Maine and Brooklyn Poly while Providence College won

and lost, looking good and poor, against the Boston Marines and the Quonset CASUs. CASU, big and businesslike, had much to do with the Friars' poor showing.

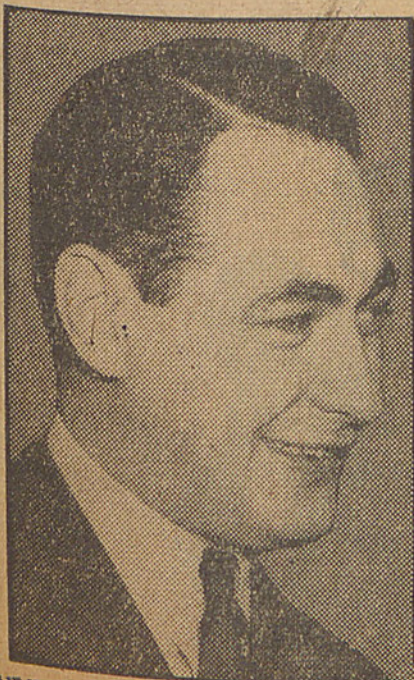
The Army-Navy game, which until recently loomed as a title tilt, will merely decide the service schools supremacy in Saturday's game, Penn, Eastern Intercollegiate League champ, having snapped Army's string and Bainbridge having done the same to Navy's.

Throughout the country, sectional races have been pretty well settled. Penn is EIA boss; Rice is Southwest Conference champ with 12 straight victories; North Carolina is Southern Conference king and Iowa needs only two victories to wrap up the Western Conference title.

Oregon and Oregon State are tied for the top in the Coast Conference's northern half whereas UCLA has copped the southern crown. Washington State trails the Oregons by only half a game.

Kansas has half a game edge on Iowa State in the Big Six and Utah leads the Big Seven whereas the Southeastern Conference ruler will be determined in this week's tournament. Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia Tech are the favored quintets and in addition to the championship the winner will undoubtedly gain a place in the NCAA title picture.

May Coach Irish



WEDNESDAY FEB 28 1945
Hugh Devore

DEVORE IN LINE FOR IRISH POST

Former Friars Coach Chief
Candidate as Successor to
McKeever at Notre Dame

South Bend, Ind., Feb. 27.—(INS)—The campus at the University of Notre Dame buzzed tonight with reports that Hugh John Devore, 34-year-old line coach, will be the successor to Ed McKeever as acting head football coach of the institution of South Bend.

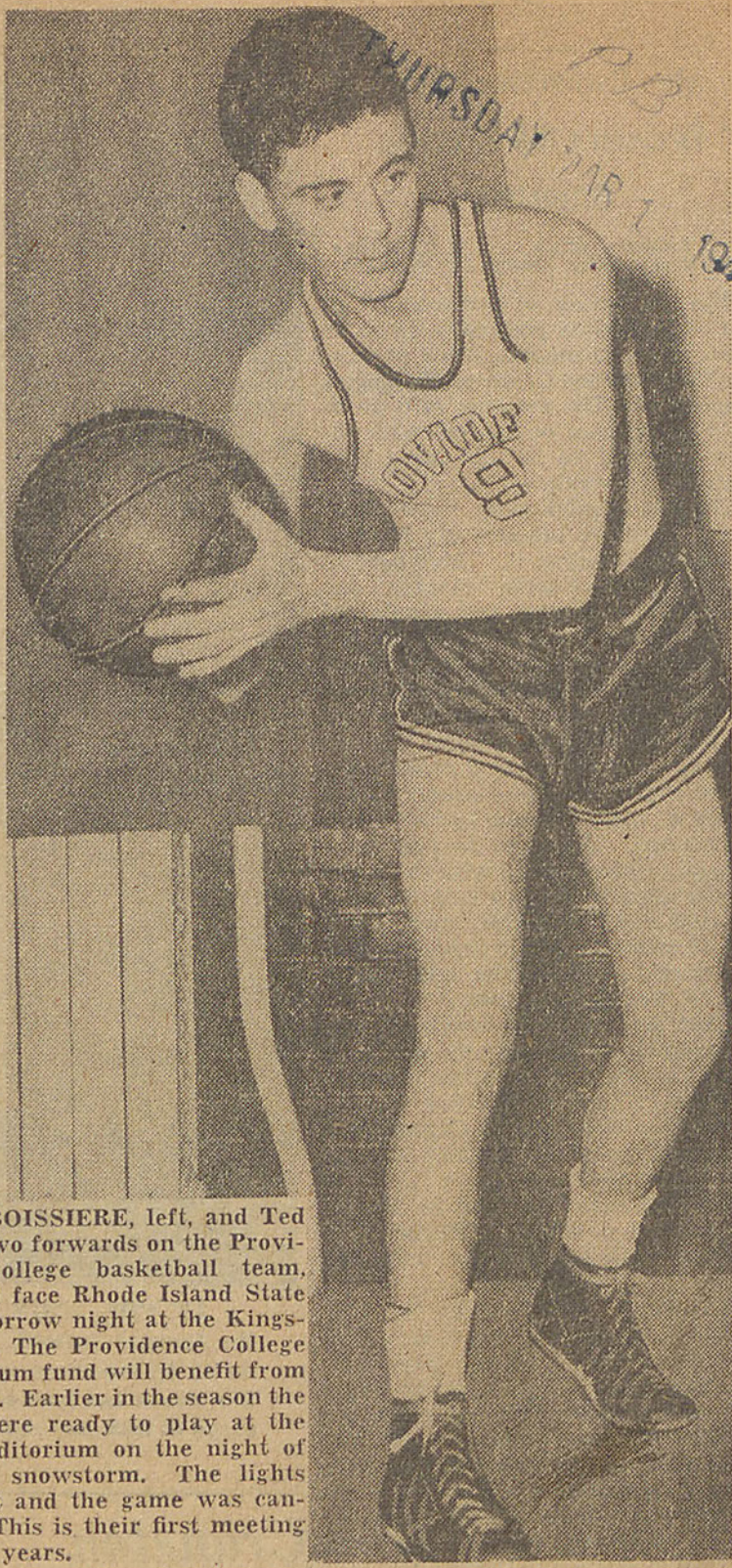
Devore, who was expected to be named with little delay, ranked as McKeever's chief assistant. Before being appointed to Coach Frank Leahy's staff in 1943, Devore saw coaching service at Fordham under Jimmy Crowley, was head coach at Providence College and an assistant to Ank Scanlan at Holy Cross.

After graduating from Notre Dame, he was an assistant in 1934 to Elmer Layden when the commissioner of the National Football League coached the Irish.

There was a possibility the jobs of football coach and athletic director may be split. Should that occur, it was considered likely that Adam Walsh, captain of the famous "Four Horsemen" team of 1924, and later head coach at Bowdoin College before joining McKeever's staff as an assistant last fall, would be candidate as director.

The Rev. John Cavanaugh, C. S. C., vice-president of the university and chairman of the athletic board, refused to comment on McKeever's successor. The Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C. S. C., president of Notre Dame, was absent from the campus

ON FIRING LINE FOR FRIARS



LEO LA BOISSIERE, left, and Ted Horan, two forwards on the Providence College basketball team, who will face Rhode Island State five tomorrow night at the Kingston gym. The Providence College Gymnasium fund will benefit from the game. Earlier in the season the teams were ready to play at the R. I. Auditorium on the night of a heavy snowstorm. The lights went out and the game was cancelled. This is their first meeting in three years.

RAM-FRIAR GAME

TO AID P. C. FUND

WEDNESDAY FEB 28 1944

Teams Will Meet Tomorrow

Night at Kingston; Plenty

of Scoring Likely *RS*

With a bag of 536 points scored in the 10 games they have played this season, Providence College will meet the Rams of Rhode Island State College tomorrow night in Rodman gymnasium here at 7:30 o'clock.

A benefit game for the P. C. gymnasium building fund, the contest will find Coach Ed Crotty's boys making their best efforts of the season, with Gov. J. Howard McGrath and the Very Rev. Frederick C. Foley, O. P., president of Providence College, in the stands.

Reserved seats for Providence fans are available at the P. C. athletic office to assure accommodations for visitors. The ticket sale will open in Rodman gym at 6 o'clock for general admission, with a small block of seats reserved for Ram followers opposite the entire west section of the main floor which State College students gave up for P. C. supporters.

Friar victories have included triumphs over the Boston Marines, Hedron of Quonset, and Northeastern, against whom they won, 72 to 61. In a game in the Boston Garden the Friars lost by only 10 points to Rider College, 60 to 50. Against Hedron they tallied 74 points, holding the sailors to 33.

The first Friar-Ram game, scheduled for the Rhode Island Auditorium in Providence on Feb. 8, had to be cancelled because of power failure in the record blizzard of that day. In the Ram-Friar series of 18 games since 1934, Coach Frank W. Keaney's teams have dropped six games. The Rams lost, 54-60, in the first 1941-42 game, but won, 68-54, in the return contest. The next year the Rams won by only two points, 56-54, in the first game, indicative of the spirited court rivalry of the two teams.

Although the Friars did not field a team last year, the club this season has shown it has a scoring potential which will make tomorrow's contest a 40-minute engagement that will keep the players busy all the way.

Governor and President of P. C. Will Attend Game

Game Tickets

To accommodate Providence College fans, tickets for the reserved section are being handled by the athletic office of P. C. The door sale will open at 6 o'clock. All seats are \$1.50, plus 20 per cent tax, making the total price \$1.80. No reserved seats will be held after 7:20, the game starting at 7:30.

State Host to Friars In Benefit Game Thursday Evening

R.I. State College *BE*
Governor J. Howard McGrath and President Frederick C. Foley of Providence College will be honored guests at the Friar-Ram basketball game in Rodman Gym Thursday evening. The contest will be a benefit game for the P. C. gymnasium building fund.

In deference to their guests, Rhody students have voluntarily given up their regular seats so that the west section of the main floor in Rodman can be used to accommodate Providence College followers. Reserved seats in this section will sell for \$1.80, and their sale is under direction of Rev. A. B. Fegley, athletic director at P. C.

At half time President Carl R. Woodward will present a check representing the net proceeds of the game, to Father Foley, who is making his first official visit to Kingston since his elevation to the presidency of P. C.

The Governor, an alumnus of P. C., is also an honorary alumnus of R. I. State. He will probably be torn by conflicting emotions as he watches the contest, which promises to be a lively one. No matter who wins, he'll be on the winning side.

The Rams will end their regular schedule Saturday at Storrs, meeting the University of Connecticut in the return game. A canceled game will be played March 7 with Camp Endicott in Rodman.

The string of three games, starting last Thursday with Maine at Orono, following through with Brooklyn Polytech here Saturday, and with Yeshiva College of New York City tomorrow evening should put the Rams in prime condition for the Friar tussle.

RAMS HELP FRIARS

ON P. C. GYM FUND

WEDNESDAY FEB 28 1945

Choice Seats for Tilt at Kingston Tonight Will Help Building Drive

Through the years the sports duels between Rhode Island State and Providence College have carried much significance but it is doubtful if more importance attached to any of them than to tonight's meeting at Kingston at 7:30 o'clock.

This time the customary doubt doesn't flourish because the Rams are decided favorites, but tonight State is contributing to the P. C. gymnasium, fund and that gesture of good will gives the game a lustre it might otherwise lack.

State students have voluntarily given up their choice floor seats at Rodman Hall that they might be sold as reserved seats and the profits added to the steadily mounting gymnasium fund. The Very Rev. Frederick C. Foley, O. P., president of Providence College, and Gov. J. Howard McGrath, a Providence College alumnus, will attend as guests of State.

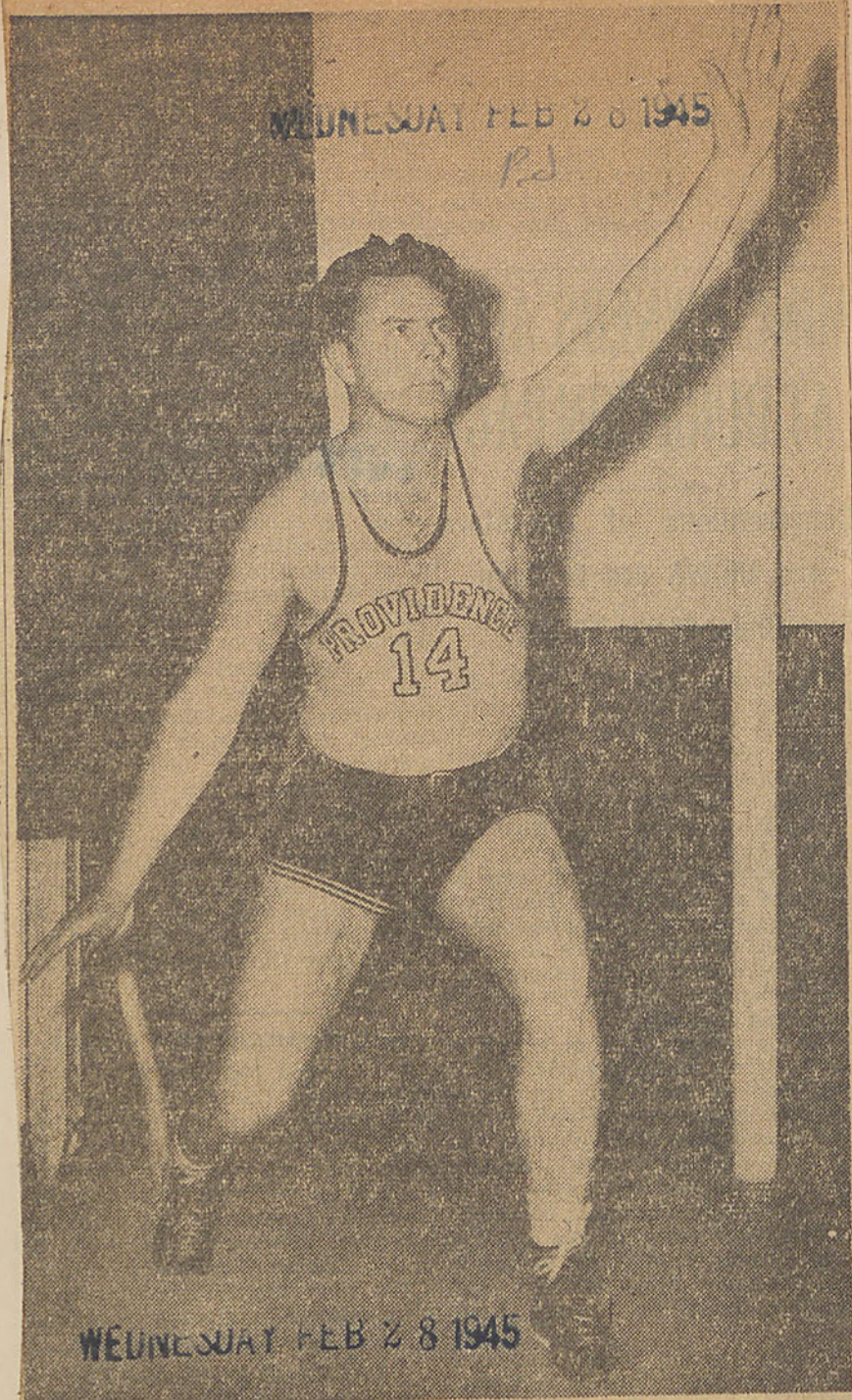
The Rams, victorious in 17 of their 19 games this season, usually by substantial margins, are expected to make the Friar team their 18th victim. Coach Frank Keaney's young men reached the all time high in their point parade Tuesday night when they crushed Yeshiva College of New York, 130 to 74, and obviously are geared to continue their spectacular exploits.

Given new impetus by their invitation to the National tournament at Madison Square Garden, the Rams are likely to continue bearing down in order to maintain their sharpness for the Garden jousts and in that eventuality, the Friars will have to travel at top speed to hold the ram-paging Rams in check.

Providence has had a much better season than was expected when a group of inexperienced boys reported to Coach Ed Crotty in December. They have developed individually and collectively and have played good ball in every game.

Their record isn't particularly impressive, but even in defeat they have managed to extend the opposition to the limit.

Primed for Heavy Duty



Bob Corry, Providence College guard, who is ready for strenuous competition when the Friars and Rams meet tomorrow night at Kingston.

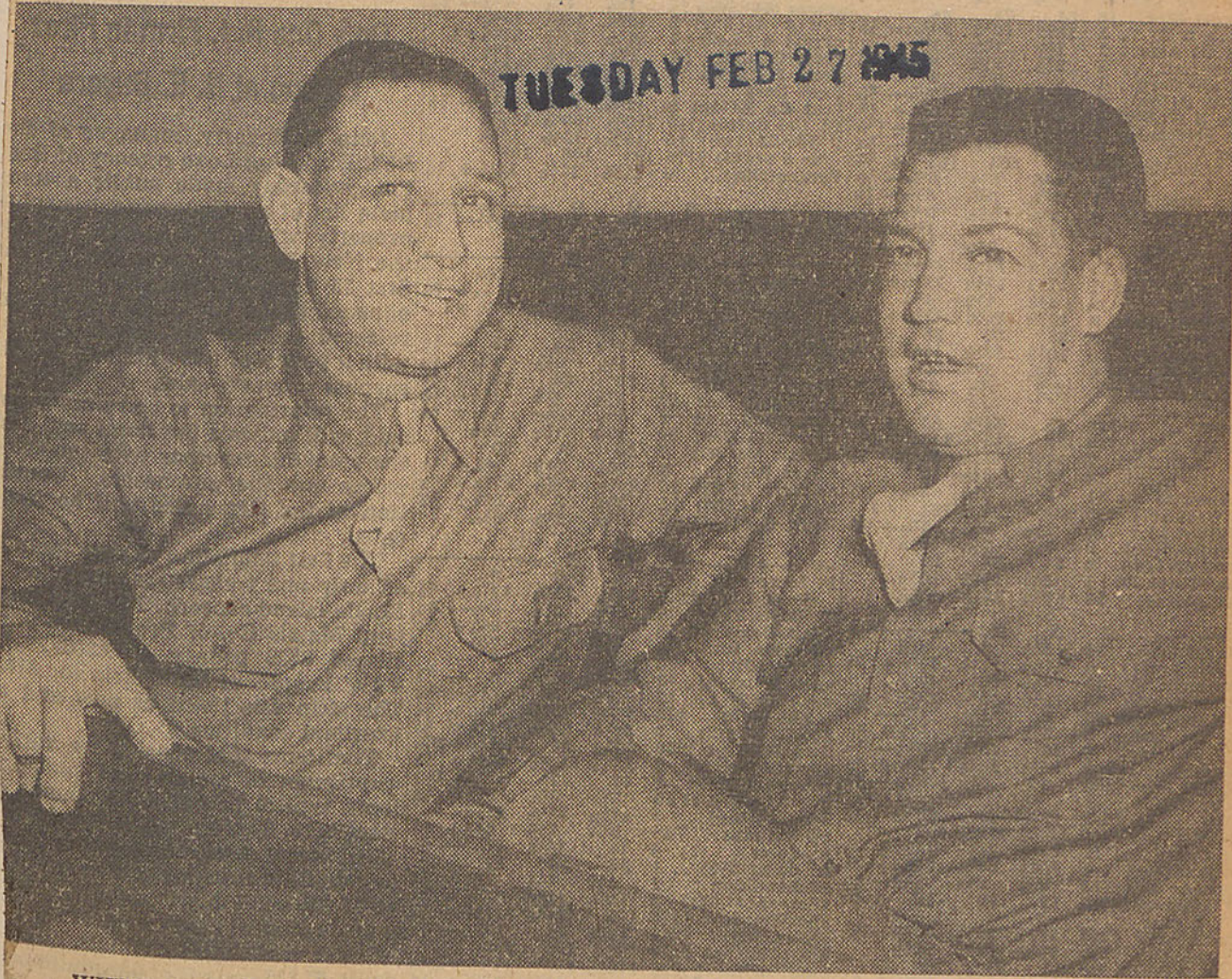
Despite the Rams' position as favorites, it is generally expected that the Friars will pile up points plentifully themselves. Johnny Arzöomian, Ted Horan and Capt. Leo LaBoissiere have been scoring freely all season and are likely to continue the pace tonight but it is doubtful if they can match the performances of State's front court trio—Capt. Ernie Calverley, Dick Hole and Mike Santoro.

Dick Whelan and Bob Corry will operate in the back-court for P. C., Bob Shea and Al Nichols for the Rams.

Ticket sales will continue today at State and P. C. and at Rodman Hall just before game time it will be a case of first come, first served.

THIS TIME IT WAS HANK'S CALL p 13

TUESDAY FEB 27 1945



WHEN CHARLIE BERRY (left), former Red Sox catcher was refereeing football he made many a 'call' on Cpl. Hank Soar of Pawtucket (right), former Providence College and New York Giants grid star, but when Berry recently arrived in Greenland, where Hank is stationed with a Special Services Section. Hank returned the favor by making a call on Berry and the pair exchanged many reminiscences and pleasantries.

—U. S. Army Photo

IN STRIDE

By Lanning

FRIDAY MAR 2 1945

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RHODE ISLAND STATE

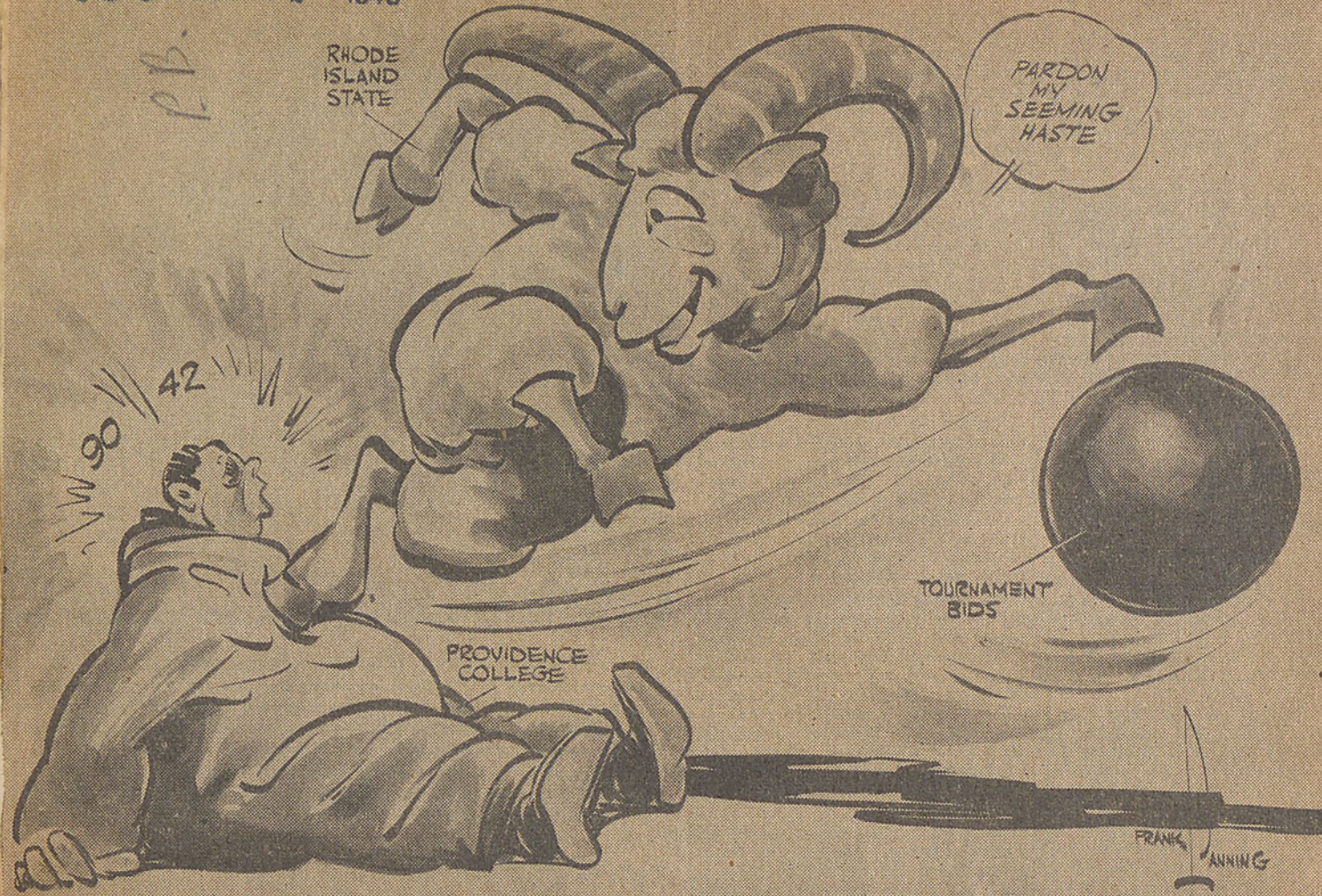
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PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

TOURNAMENT BIDS

FRANK LANNING



FRIARS, W-K FIVE TO MEET TONIGHT

SATURDAY MAR 3 1945

Cage Tilt, Last of Season for

P. C., Will Benefit Gym-
nasium Fund

Providence College will bring its basketball season to a close tonight in a game with the Walsh-Kaiser Shipyard quintet at Harkins Hall at 8 o'clock. The Shipbuilders, a late entry into basketball circles, have won three of their six games.

Ed Beaulieu, in charge of the Shipbuilder quintet, has assembled a fast, high scoring team of former scholastic stars, all of whom are working in the shipyard.

The game will be for the benefit of the P. C. Gymnasium fund and is likely to raise a substantial sum. Tickets have been sold in considerable quantity in the Walsh-Kaiser yard.

Lew Allen, six-foot, four-inch guard who has been especially effective on defense and in clearing the backboards for the Ships is the captain and outstanding performer. He will team with Joe Silveira and Bogosian, former East Providence High stars; Stan Babiec, one of Bob Morris's Pawtucket products and Walter Lakomsky, CYO and Olneyville Boys' Club star of recent years. Ray Caron, Hope High player of other years, fits into the team at any position.

Friars Trim W-K Five, 61-39

Victors' Offense Is Sparked by
Leo Labrossierre and

Johnny Arzoomanian

SUNDAY MAR 4 1945

The Providence College Friars brought their abbreviated 1945 basketball season to a victorious close last night at Harkins Hall when a blazing second-half blitzkrieg brought them victory over a game but outmanned Walsh-Kaiser five-61-39.

Little Leo Labrossierre and Johnny Arzoomanian were the big guns in the Friar attack, both gaining their shooting eyes in the second half, after the Shipmen had overcome an early Providence lead to go ahead, just two minutes before the end of the second period.

The Ships, after spotting the Smith Hillers to an early 16-5 lead, had staged a concerted attack on the Providence hoop, with Tony Bogosian leading the scoring parade and moved into a 26-23 lead; but two rapid fire baskets by Labrossierre gave the Friars a 27-26 lead at the halfway mark. Coming back to resume hostilities in the third period, the Friar attack suddenly started to

click, and within five minutes, the fast-tiring Shipmen were trailing by a 43-29 score.

Then Walsh-Kaiser staged a belated rally, Bogosian tallying twice from the floor, and twice from the foul stripe, enabling the Ships to move within 8 points of the Friars.

The Smith Hillers suddenly switched to a long-passing game, with Bob Corry heaving long shots to Johnny Arzoomanian, who converted four more tallies, all lay-ups, to give the Friars an insumountable 51-36 lead.

Two minutes before the final whistle, Coach Ed Crotty sent in his second team to wind up.

Proceeds from the game were paid into the Providence College gymnasium building fund.

The summary:

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE (61)				WALSH-KAISER (39)			
	G.	F.	P.		G.	F.	P.
Horan, lf...	6	1	13	Caron, lf...	3	1	7
Dwyer, lf...	0	0	0	Lakomski, lf...	3	0	6
M'derville, lf...	0	0	0	Silveira, rf...	0	0	0
L'b'sierre, rf...	9	1	19	Chille, rf...	0	0	0
Boyle, rf...	0	2	2	Bogosian, c...	8	2	18
Daily, rf...	0	0	0	Johns, c...	0	0	0
Arz'm'n'n, c...	8	4	20	Allen, lg...	0	0	0
Carr, c...	0	0	0	Gallagher, lg...	0	0	0
Parente, lg...	0	0	0	Babiec, rg...	2	2	6
Whelan, rg...	0	0	0				
Dolan, rg...	0	0	0				
Grossi, rg...	0	0	0				
Total...	26	9	61	Total...	16	7	39

Referees—Merritt and Haughey. Time—20-minute periods.

RAMS TROUNCE FRIARS

FRIDAY MAR 2 1945

R. I. WINS, 90-42, USING RESERVES IN LAST TWO PERIODS

Foe's Defense, Height Handi-
caps P. C.; Calverley, Hole
Lead Scoring

BY TOM DOHERTY

A seasoned Rhode Island State College basketball team, that went into the contest with an imposing 17 and 2 record, held too much power, poise and shooting ability for a courageous but small Providence College quintet, and the Rams walked off with a 90-to-42 decision at Kingston last night.

It was the only meeting of the clans this year. The first game scheduled for Providence was cancelled.

Coach Ed Crotty's inexperienced youngsters fought determinedly to keep pace with their high-flying Kingston rivals, but lacking the height and weight to drive into close quarters, did most of their sniping from the boundary line of the side court.

In this they enjoyed some success, but meanwhile Capt. Ernie Calverley and his rampaging Rams were reaping a harvest from an assortment of shots and plays.

Story Told Early

The opening play pretty nearly told the story of the game. The Rams jumped into the lead on that one and while they surrendered it momentarily it was not long before they were back in the driver's seat and soon there was plenty of daylight between the two clubs.

On the initial tap, Dick Hole out-jumped Johnny Arzooonian and fed the ball to Calverley, who in turn tapped it to Mike Santoro under the basket. It was an easy shot and Mike made it good without difficulty.

The Friars had their first opportunity a moment later, but missed from the foul line. Arzooonian, however, then caged a free throw and then added a field goal to give the Friars a 3-to-2 advantage. The teams played on fairly even terms with Rhode Island leading, 10 to 7, at the end of the first four minutes. Then the roof fell in on the Friars.

Rams Race to Lead

With Calverly and Hole operating in demoralizing style, the Rams raced to a 28-to-7 lead before Arzooonian finally made a lone point for Providence on a foul shot. Calverly and Hole, who are running one-two in one of the hottest scoring duels ever staged at Kingston, again led the scoring parade with 28 and 27 points, respectively.

The tallies boosted Calverly's total for the season to 461, while Hole has 438.

The Rhode Island man-to-man defense proved bothersome to the Friars' speedsters and it was so effective that Arzooonian, the P. C. leading point-getter, in previous games, was limited to one field goal and three foul shots before he bowed out of competition via the foul route himself, eight minutes from the end of the contest.

With their shooting star well controlled, the Friars depended upon Ted Horan and little Leo Laboissere to do their point-making. Horan caged 15 points and Laboissere 12.

Leading, 51 to 19, at the end of the first half, the Rams picked up where they left off and were soon coasting along with a 50-point lead. With the score 70 to 21, Coach Frank Keane spotted his lineup with reserves and in the closing moments withdrew all his regulars.

During the half, Dr. Carl R. Woodward, president of Rhode Island State College, presented a check for \$300 to the Very Rev. Frederick Foley, O. P., president of Providence College, as State's contribution to the latter institution's building fund. Gov. J. Howard McGrath, honorary chairman of the building fund committee, was a guest at the game.

The summary.

RHODE ISLAND (90)			PROVIDENCE (42)				
G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.		
Santoro, lf.	7	0	14	Horan, lf.	7	1	15
Coy, lf.	1	1	3	Mandeville, lf.	0	1	1
Crandall, lf.	0	0	0	Laboissere, rf.	6	0	12
Hole, rf.	12	3	27	Arz' manian, c	1	3	5
Smith, rf.	0	0	0	Corry, lg.	1	0	2
Calverley, c	11	6	28	Whelan, rg.	3	1	7
Wagner, c.	0	0	0				
Shea, lg.	1	2	4				
Rathburn, lf.	0	0	0				
Nichols, rg.	6	0	12				
Wholey, rg.	1	0	2				

Total ... 39 12 90 Total ... 18 6 42
Referees—Dissinger and Merritt. Time—
40 minute periods.

As a result of the Providence College-Rhode Island game played last Thursday evening as a benefit for the P. C. gymnasium fund, the sum of \$375 has been forwarded to the Rev. Bernard A. ... and comptroller of the fund, it was announced yesterday by President Carl R. Woodward.

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FRIDAY MAR 2 1945

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U-Conns Beat Providence

Connecticut Campus Wed. Feb. 21 1945

Team Sparked To Third Win By Good Teamwork

By RAY KUDLA

Last Saturday the Connecticut Huskies won their third basketball game of the season as they downed Providence College, 48-42 at Hawley Armory, Storrs.

Leon Labossiere, a midget version of Calverly of Rhode Island, was paired off against Walt Alesevich, UConn's six-footer guard specialist, and still was able to score 15 points to lead the Providence College fight. However, the sharp shooting of Hickey, Markiewicz, and Fisher with a total tally of 34 points was the deciding factor.

The game started slowly, with Hickey making the first score as he tapped in a rebound, only to have Providence tie when Corry made good on two foul tries.

Within the next few minutes Providence added several fouls conversions and one set up shot to lead 9-4, before Alesevich on a nice pass from Fisher faked to our side, then made good on the tally. Soon after Hickey followed with a set shot from the sidelines, only to have Providence push ahead again 14-8 on a foul conversion.

Led by the brilliant play of Alesevich, who repeatedly took the ball off the Providence backboard, the Huskies started a determined drive. Hickey put in a short lay-up shot; Markiewicz followed with a looping one-hander, and then both collaborated as Markiewicz's missed shot was followed up and tapped in by Hickey to tie the count at 14 all. Corry again

scored for Providence, and Hickey again tied the count, with Fisher following with a long set shot to put Connecticut out front 18-16. Nanos tallied on a pass from Alesevich, and Providence also scored, but in rapid order Fisher and Nanos scored to bring the half time score to Connecticut 24, Providence 18.

Connecticut continued to add to its lead with the start of the second half, as Fisher's score was followed by a nice team play set up, with Nanos making the counter.

Labossiere countered for Providence, but Nanos' foul and Hickey's set shot held the Connecticut advantage with the score 31-20. However, the Providence team started to go, as Horan looped a one-hander, and Labossiere tallied three times in rapid order. Connecticut countered with a foul conversion and a set shot by Fisher. Providence continued to cut the lead as Labossiere tallied twice to make it 34-33, Connecticut's favor.

The Huskies pushed to a 38-33 advantage, but couldn't hold the Providence quintet. The game continued close, and with five minutes left, the score stood, Connecticut 40, and Providence 36.

Markiewicz, playing a fast game, countered two Providence tallies by two for the Huskies, as time remaining to play dwindled to three minutes. Coach Crotty was heard urging his boys on—to play faster and faster; to overcome the Huskies' lead, which was 46-40. Markiewicz brought the Connecticut total to 48, as he broke clear and raced in alone to score. With a little more than a minute remaining, Coach Crotty

'SHAUNO' COLLINS' SON KILLED ON IWO

Pittsfield, Mass., April 5.—(AP)—Private Robert D. Collins, 20, son of former Boston Red Sox manager John (Shauno) Collins, was killed in action while serving with the marines on Iwo Jima March 11.

Word of the boy's death was received today at Pittsfield, where he was born.

Collins, whose father and mother now live in Newton, played baseball at Newton High, and he later attended Providence College for a year, then entered Yale.

sent in the first Providence substitutions, and soon after the game ended with the score Connecticut 48—Providence 42.

CONNECTICUT

	B.	F.	Pt.
Hickey	6	0	12
Markiewicz	5	1	11
Fisher	5	1	11
Granato	0	1	1
G. Hollman	0	0	0
Nanos	3	0	6
Alesevich	2	3	7
	21	6	48

PROVIDENCE

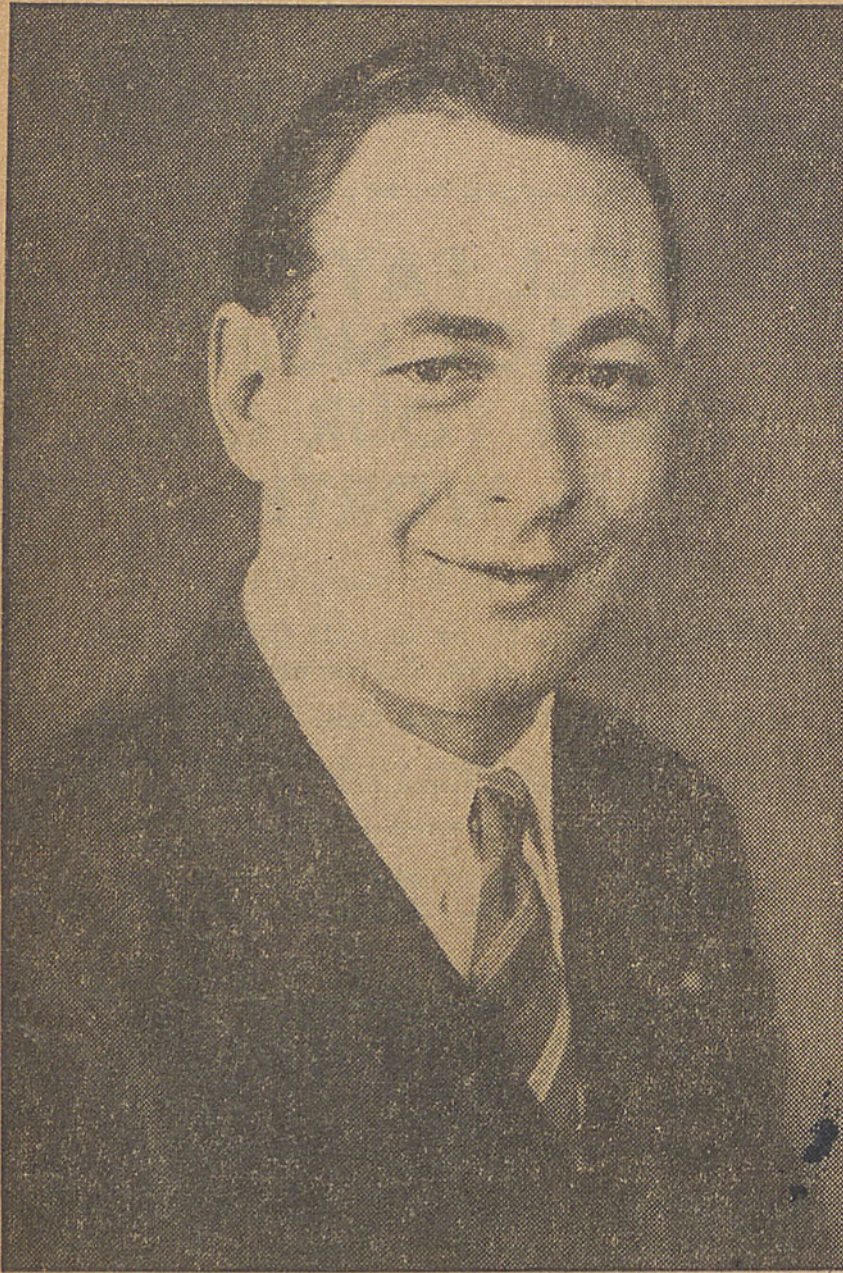
	B.	F.	Pt.
Whelan	0	1	1
Corry	2	1	5
Boyle	0	0	0
Arzmanan	3	6	12
Labossiere	7	1	15
Mndrville	0	0	0
Horan	4	1	9
	16	10	42

Half-time score, 24-18, Connecticut.

Friars' Former Mentor Assuming Helm Until Leahy Returns from Naval Service

WEDNESDAY MAR 7 1945

New Coach of The Irish



Hugh Devore

Walsh and Crowe to Remain
on Staff; 3rd Assistant to

Be Selected Later

WEDNESDAY MAR 7 1945

South Bend, Ind., March 6.—(AP)—Hugh John Devore, line coach and former head coach at Providence College, today was appointed acting head football coach and athletic director at the University of Notre Dame. He replaces Ed McKeever, who resigned on Feb. 27 to become head coach at Cornell University.

Devore, end and captain on the Irish team in 1933, becomes a temporary successor to Frank Leahy, who will return to a 10-year contract in both posts when he is discharged from the navy.

Appointment of the 34-year-old Devore as Notre Dame's 20th football coach was announced by the Rev. Hugh O'Donnell, president of Notre Dame. It was believed the school's board of athletics also had considered two other experienced men on the Irish football staff—Adam Walsh and Clem Crowe, on leave from athletic positions at Bowdoin and Xavier University, respectively.

Devore, a native of Newark, N. J., came to Notre Dame as line coach in 1943 from Holy Cross, where he had assisted Ank Scanlan. His scouting reports were given considerable credit for Holy Cross' sensational upset of Boston College in 1942.

Father O'Donnell, who disclosed that an additional football assistant would be appointed later, expressed confidence that the revised staff "will give an excellent account of itself during the wartime period." Both Walsh and Crowe will remain on the staff, the president said.

He also wished McKeever, whose 1-year stay at the Irish helm last season produced eight victories in 10 games, "Godspeed in his new field of endeavor."

Devore began his coaching career as assistant Freshman mentor at Notre Dame in 1934, after his graduation. He left in 1935 to serve as line coach under Jimmy Crowley at Fordham University for three seasons.

In the Spring of 1938, Devore became head coach at Providence College, where he remained for four years until 1942, when he joined the coaching staff at Holy Cross. He returned to Notre Dame in the Spring of 1943, as end coach under Leahy. Last year, as McKeever's first assistant, Devore had charge of the line.

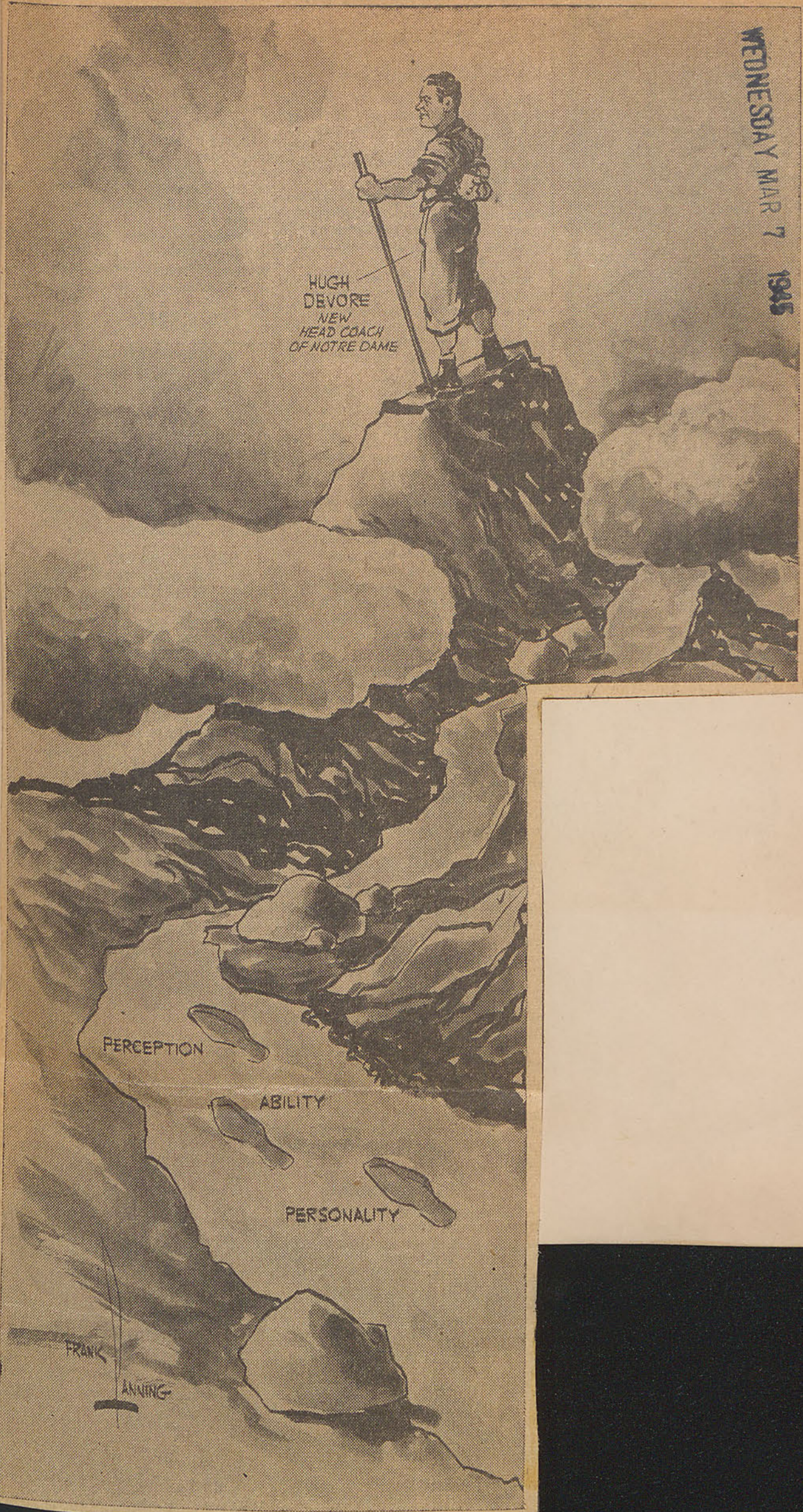
Devore, who is married and has four children, enrolled at Notre Dame in 1930 and won a berth at the starting end as a sophomore.

WEDNESDAY MAR 7 1945

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HUGH DEVORE
NEW
HEAD COACH
OF NOTRE DAME



FRANK
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SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING THURSDAY MAR 8 1945 By Lanning

THEY'RE
HARDLY
MASTERPIECES
BUT COLORFUL
AND TO MY
LIKING



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I'll Walk Alone

P.S. 4/8/45 —By Lanning





Birdie Tebbetts shouts, "Tenshun!"

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The SPECTATOR'S Viewpoint.... by LANNING

Football, the sport that has been more truly collegiate than any other, lacks, in Rhode Island, the essential ingredient that made it so; namely college atmosphere. Bands, pennants, enthusiastic cheering sections are all a part of the collegiate football picture, or should be. Our local colleges are apparently blind to the fact that forty per cent of the attendance at any pigskin party is female. That contingent is not particularly interested in the sterling play of the left tackle, (unless he happens to be the handsome brute she's been dying to meet all fall) but revels in the hoopla that is the by-product of the sport. Without it many a game of good solid football can be extremely dull to those who are not students of the game.

There is nothing wrong with the coaching staffs of our three colleges. Each team was playing excellent football during our last peacetime season, and Brown has fielded teams throughout the war that were smart, colorful and fast. The coaches have eked out the maximum performance that manpower provided.

There is fault to be found with the desultory attitude of the student body, however. Apparently the trend is to ride the team from the opening whistle, instead of joining the fun, and whooping it up for dear old Dropsie. Only at Rhode Island State do we find the student body solidly behind the team.

The best shot in the arm for this State's football diet would be a Providence College-Brown game played annually as is the State-Brown game. As Providence is already on State's schedule, this would institute a round-robin from which the State title would evolve and interest would be sustained until the last game had been played.

To our mind a fifty-cent admission to ALL home games for any high schooler in the State would fill a void in the treasuries where empty seats now pay off nothing, and it would encourage in high school kids of the State the desire to enroll as a student in his favorite local college.

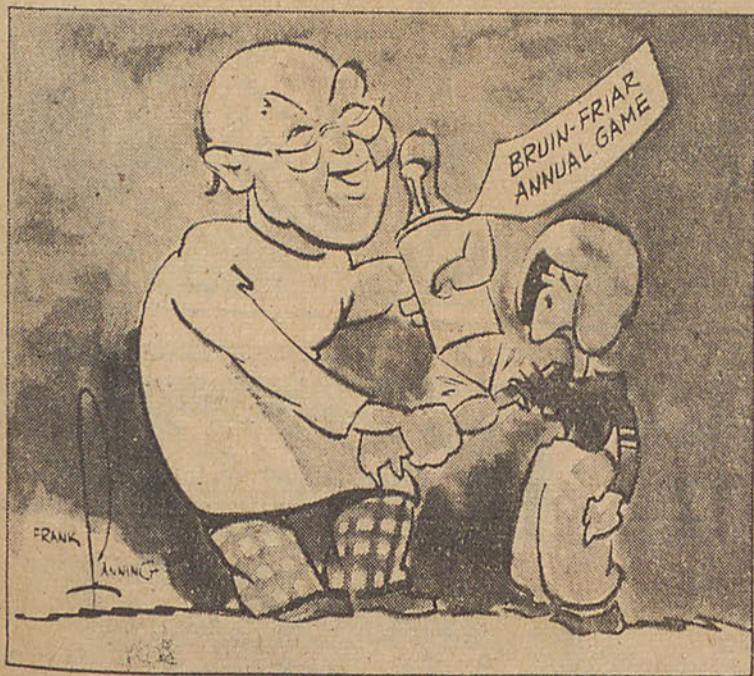
The game enjoys a healthy status in the high schools, but the four Providence public high schools are the orphans of the Metropolitan Division, for none of them have adequate playing fields, and it doesn't add to the city's stature to see Classical borrowing Cranston's field, Central at East Providence, Mt. Pleasant using La Salle's facilities and Hope playing on a two-by-four lot over on the East Side. Right now Burrillville's layout is the pride of the outlying precincts, but Warren, Westerly and Barrington are on the road to better things.

The schools in the Met area put the colleges to shame when it comes to putting on a show, and public support proves its value. Snappy uniforms, ear-splitting cheering sections and good bands paced by corps of drum major-ettes. The La Salle band, with its well-planned formations, is an attraction at any game, and an institution in which the whole State can take just pride.

The brand of coaching in the schools is a major factor in the popularity of schoolboy football, and this applies to small schools as well as big ones. St. Raphael and Burrillville are excellent examples of good coaching in small schools. Where you find consistently weak teams, the reason is usually poor teaching of the sport.

There should be a fund to protect kids who play for no pay and are hurt in that performance. It could easily be established by taking a percentage from admissions from every school in the league, and thereby covering every boy in the league, regardless of the size of his school.

In spite of lack of stadia for the Providence schools, and of enthusiasm in the colleges, football serves the public well, but wouldn't it be grand if somebody would start thinking about the kids who play the game?



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The SPECTATOR'S Viewpoint.... by LANNING

Basketball in Rhode Island offers the most diversified style of play to be found anywhere in the country. The three college coaches all are of top rank. The high-scoring fire-horse type of basketball as taught by Frank Keaney is perhaps the most exciting, but, in our opinion, it takes the more conservative type of opposition to bring out the best in State's play. Both Engle, of Brown, and Crotty, of Providence, play a more conservative brand of ball, but in no sense is it dull or lacking in interest. Their methods also produce high scores as the occasion demands. All employ the fast break, which speeds up the game and heightens spectator interest.

The college game in this State has become so popular that the housing facilities of the three

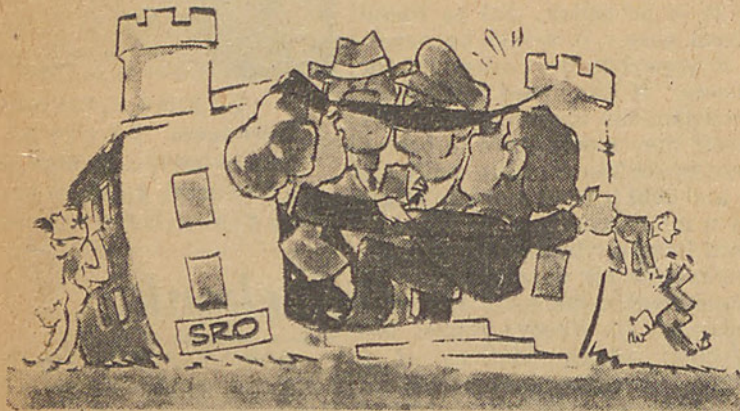
clubs are no longer adequate. Providence College is now in the midst of a drive for a new gymnasium. This is sorely needed, not only because of the necessity of accommodating public patronage, but because the student body is without proper athletic facilities. Rhode Island State has long needed a modern gym. Upstate fans have little chance of witnessing home games, because their present set-up can seat only the student body. Marvel Gym, at Brown, is large enough, and has ample equipment and accommodation for the students, but the layout of the basketball court serves a minimum of onlookers. There is a running track, which is obsolete, suspended from the roof, and which could be converted into a spacious balcony. If the court itself were placed at

a 90-degree angle to its present position, and glass backboards used, the resultant increase in seating capacity would more than double the present arrangement.

The high school teams, too, enjoy increasing popularity, and interest abounds in every section of the State. Westerly comes up with a crack team year after year, but so far the State title has eluded the Bulldogs. Newport was the original hotbed of the sport, and last season boasted two of the best teams in the Inter-scholastic League. We have a competent corps of coaches, and there are few communities in the land that can produce a high school coach of the calibre of Bob Morris, of Pawtucket West.

Each spring Newport stages its Eastern States Catholic Invitation Tournament, and Rhode Island's representatives annually prove themselves to be on a par with those judged to be the finest east of the Mississippi.

The pro game has made a few half-hearted attempts to get into the swim, but seems doomed to failure until a league is formed. There seems little interest in the professional independents, but the public will be amply entertained if the schools and colleges continue their excellent calibre of play.



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The SPECTATOR'S Viewpoint . . . by LANNING

History tells us that Providence won the National League pennant in 1879 and 1884 . . . that Hoss Radbourne won 60 games for the 1884 champs . . . that Hughie Duffy, of Providence still holds the major league batting mark . . . that Fred Tenney, set the modern pattern for fielding the first base position, while playing for Brown . . . that Ruth, Foxx and Bucky Walters all played for the Grays, but the diamond history of Providence within our memory is decidedly negative.

Back in mid-season of 1930 the local Eastern League folded, and we've had no organized baseball since. Twenty years ago Providence College and Brown staged a 20-inning thriller at the height of their rivalry, but that was 20 years ago.

Partisans of the game revel in memories of past glories of the sport, but indulge in alarmed defeatism when someone explores the possibilities of the future.

The amateur leagues have been curtailed due to lack of players, but it is reasonable to expect a full scale resumption of play when the boys come home from the battlefronts. Interest in junior leagues is growing, and a good example of excellent administration in this field is the Warwick Amateur League, consisting of ten teams. The games, well attended, competently officiated, exhibit a good brand of ball. The age limit is seventeen. Above all the business men of the city are giving it their support. That is paramount in the health of any sport in any community.

Rhode Island now has two entries in the New England League, and we have witnessed good baseball, the best brand these Plantations have seen in many a moon. They play a lot of night ball, the salvation of the minor and perhaps major leagues, and whether the players like it or not, the public does. Providence, however, not only is without organized ball, but

lacks a suitable place to play it. Although major league clubs have surveyed the city, with an eye to placing farm clubs here, the old cry of no field flattens the proposition. Despite all protests to the contrary, there are several suitable sites for a stadium.

Jack Martin has toured the majority of training-camps, and Charlie Spilman was with the Rhode Islanders in the Pacific. Both found that the sport which universally interested the boys was baseball.

It is true that hundreds patronize big league ball in Boston, but that is a good indication that the public wants baseball here. Boston has a major league hockey team, too, and it is well supported by Providence fans, but those same fans seldom miss a game played here. The local club benefits, rather than suffers, from their general interest in the sport.

Regardless of your interest in baseball, or athletics in general, a professional sports aggregation carries the name of a city throughout the circuit, and all of us should be interested in advertising our community, and since the demise of pro football and baseball, hockey alone carries the name of the city abroad. Providence needs organized baseball, and a place to play it.



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The "Old Master" Holds Court



Coach Frank Keaney, for 25 years director of Rhode Island State College's athletics, holds court prior to the anniversary party in his honor at the Narragansett Hotel last night. Standing, left to right, Lt. George Conti, former Ram football star, Dr. Walter B. Snell, director of athletics at Brown, and Ed Crotty, coach of basketball at Providence College.

Peace Seems Due to Bring Sports Boom Bigger Than That Following World War I

But Rosy Future Is Clouded
by Thoughts of Stars Who
Lost Their Lives

BY BARNEY MADDEN

An expansion in sports, one likely to surpass the golden era that flourished after the termination of World War I, is almost a foregone conclusion now that Japan has followed Germany into surrendering unconditionally to Allied arms.

A much more successful football season than could have been anticipated before Japan was hammered to its knees, a World Series unrestrained by wartime limitations and the return of baseball, basketball and other sports to their accustomed high plane has been speeded up by the utter collapse of the Japs.

Football schedules for the coming season already have been drawn and it will not be feasible to arrange programs with better balance before the Fall campaign starts, but there is reason to expect crowds far greater than those of the past few seasons. Gasoline limitations are expected to be lifted before long and even though train travel may be curtailed for civilians because of mili-

tary requirements, auto traffic is certain to expand and, with its expansion, make possible the moving of vast armies of football fans that way.

College Sports to Boom

Intercollegiate sports generally will make a swift return to normalcy, or rather rise to an even higher plane. The calibre will be tremendously improved by the return to college of the thousands of GI athletes now serving their country in all parts of the world. Big league baseball, rambling along with inferior talent since the start of the war, might conceivably be as good as ever when the next season rolls along.

Throughout Rhode Island a sharp increase in sports activity is expected and plans already formulated are likely to be executed soon. Brown has managed to maintain a semblance of its usual order of things in sports, but has necessarily suffered from lack of quantity and quality in athletes, a condition that the new peace should swiftly rectify.

Rhode Island State and Providence College, minus the limited athletic aid that navy personnel among student bodies gave to many of the nation's colleges, are almost ready to resume where they left off. Baseball at Providence is a virtual certainty when the next season arrives, and at State both football and baseball may be resumed. The Kingston college has been flirting with the idea of returning to football this Fall and yesterday's tremendous news might serve as the final impetus behind the idea, the impetus that would stir it into actuality.

A schedule problem would arise, needless to say, but the Rams' friendly relations with teams in their gridiron class would eliminate many of the difficulties that might ordinarily arise.

Friars Look to Baseball

Providence College doesn't plan an immediate return to football, but has baseball aspirations—even having canvassed its enrollment with a team this season in mind—and its basketball schedule, already virtually completed, is one of the most ambitious in many years. The erection of the new P. C. gymnasium would greatly improve the situation at the Dominican institution.

Professional sports will benefit greatly by the return of erstwhile stars from the armed services and a new venture is expected to be one of the first consequences of the peace—a professional basketball league. Operators of the American Hockey League, such as the R. I. Auditorium, have plans for a hoop loop and, now that victory has been achieved more quickly than was generally expected, it is within the realm of possibility that swift action in forming the new circuit will ensue.

But the sports world, eagerly awaiting its regeneration as it is, is and always will be saddened by the terrific toll taken of its stars, big and little, of its tyros, of its potential heroes. This war has cut down countless sports participants—nearly 900 collegiate, professional and amateur athletes of renown gave their lives for their country—and their memory will live longer than the memory of other stars who escaped paying the supreme price for freedom.

Here in Rhode Island the heavy hand of death fell frequently upon sports figures, taking such well known performers as the intercollegiate golf champion from Newport, Johnny Burke; such brilliant football players as Bones Stepczyk, Dave Redford, Arthur Bijur, Lloyd Sheehan, Tommy Nash and George Mawhinney from Brown which lost 49 athletes in action; Joe Pliska and Ed Queegan from Providence College; Johnny Messina and Ed Fay from Rhode Island State; Ace Atwood from Central; Happy Owens from Hope, and Dixie Richards from Hope and Harvard. Rhode Island track lost heavily when George Gibson, Holy Cross' hurdling champion lost his life in the Pacific theater and boxing added a gold star when Tony Almeida of Bristol, a highly promising young boxer, fell in the Pacific islands.

The sports writers and schoolboy athletes lost a close friend when Bill Gladding, Journal writer, crashed to his death in Africa.

Providence College Honors Grand Old Man of Baseball

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Scenes as Bob Quinn of the Boston Braves received honorary degree of Doctor of Physical Education yesterday from Providence College. Upper photo, left to right, the Rev. A. H. Chandler, O. P., dean of the college; the Very Rev. Frederick C. Foley, O. P., president of the college; Mr. Quinn, the Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O. P., provincial of the Dominican Order, and the Rev. John H. Healy, O. P., P. G. Lower photo, Mr. Quinn receives congratulations from his sons, the Rev. Robert G. Quinn, O. P. and, right, Jack Quinn, president of the Braves.

Bob Quinn of Braves Gets Honorary Degree from P. C.

"Grand Old Man of Baseball"
Praised for Contribution
to America's Youth

BY BARNEY MADDEN

J. A. Robert Quinn, one of baseball's grand old men, yesterday was signally honored for his contributions not only to the game but also to the youth of America when he was awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Physical Education, at a special convocation at Providence College.

After the Very Rev. Frederick C. Foley, O. P., president of the college, had read the citation, he requested that the Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, provincial of the Dominican Order, present the degree but the provincial in turn delegated the honor to the Rev. John H. Healy, O. P., P. G., a lifelong friend of Mr. Quinn.

Father Foley extolled the works, characteristics and kindnesses of Mr. Quinn, a player and executive in organized baseball for 55 years and recently president of the Boston Braves but now director of the Braves' farm system. He said he regarded it as a privilege to award the degree to Mr. Quinn.

Sons Watch with Pride

While Mr. Quinn's sons, the Rev. Robert G. Quinn, O. P., a member of the Providence College faculty, and John Quinn, president of the Braves, looked with pride toward their father, Father Foley read the following citation:

"He has a clear conscience, the esteem of all those in the game and a wonderfully lucrative account with Gabriel, the recording Angel." So wrote Arthur Daley of the New York Times, in the April issue of the Holy Name Journal on the occasion of Bob Quinn's 75th birthday and the completion of 55 years of service in organized baseball.

much as this honor from Providence College.

"The Dominicans have always been extremely kind to me" he added, "from away back in 1881 when I really needed kindness they gave it to me, told me what to do and how to do it. I thank God for this day and I pray God that He always will give the Dominicans whatever they might need."

Having started playing baseball in 1889, as a semi-pro catcher, and remaining in the game ever since, Mr. Quinn has contributed much to the sport but, he said yesterday, the greatest satisfactions he has experienced came from the opportunity to help young fellows, to sometimes "straighten out" a boy whose problems were too great for his years. I got more happiness from that than from any money the game ever brought me," he concluded.

Began in 1890

Mr. Quinn began his career in organized ball in 1890 in the Indiana State League and played there and in similar circuits until 1892, when he joined the Columbus Club of the American Association "as manager, catcher, ticket seller and ticket collector." In 1896 while playing for Norfolk, scouts sought him for the Boston club, but an arm injury prevented his accepting their offer.

He returned to Columbus in 1900, played and acted as business manager for three years and then until the end of the 1916 season he served as business manager, leaving Columbus on April 9, 1917 to become business manager of the St. Louis Browns. Then, on Aug. 1, 1923, he became president of the Boston Red Sox, shifted to Brooklyn during the 1934 and 1935 seasons and returned to Boston again in 1936, this time as president of the Braves. He resigned that post last Winter, being succeeded by his son John while he, himself, assumed charge of the Braves' farm system.

"In well deserved recognition, Providence College, in this her Silver Jubilee Year, deems it a singular privilege to honor Mr. J. A. Robert Quinn, whose long and faithful years of service have not only contributed a great deal to the progress of our national pastime, but also were highly instrumental in inculcating into our American youth those sterling characteristics and virtues of decency, fair play and honesty, which are so essential for the wholesome realization of a clean-cut Christian manhood.

"He has labored well, wisely and conscientiously not only in the face of victory and glory but even when confronted with the bitter facts of disappointment, financial reverses, and unjustifiable criticisms. Through the years he has courageously persevered in his mission of keeping cleanly alive a branch of sport that has become an integral part of our American way of life.

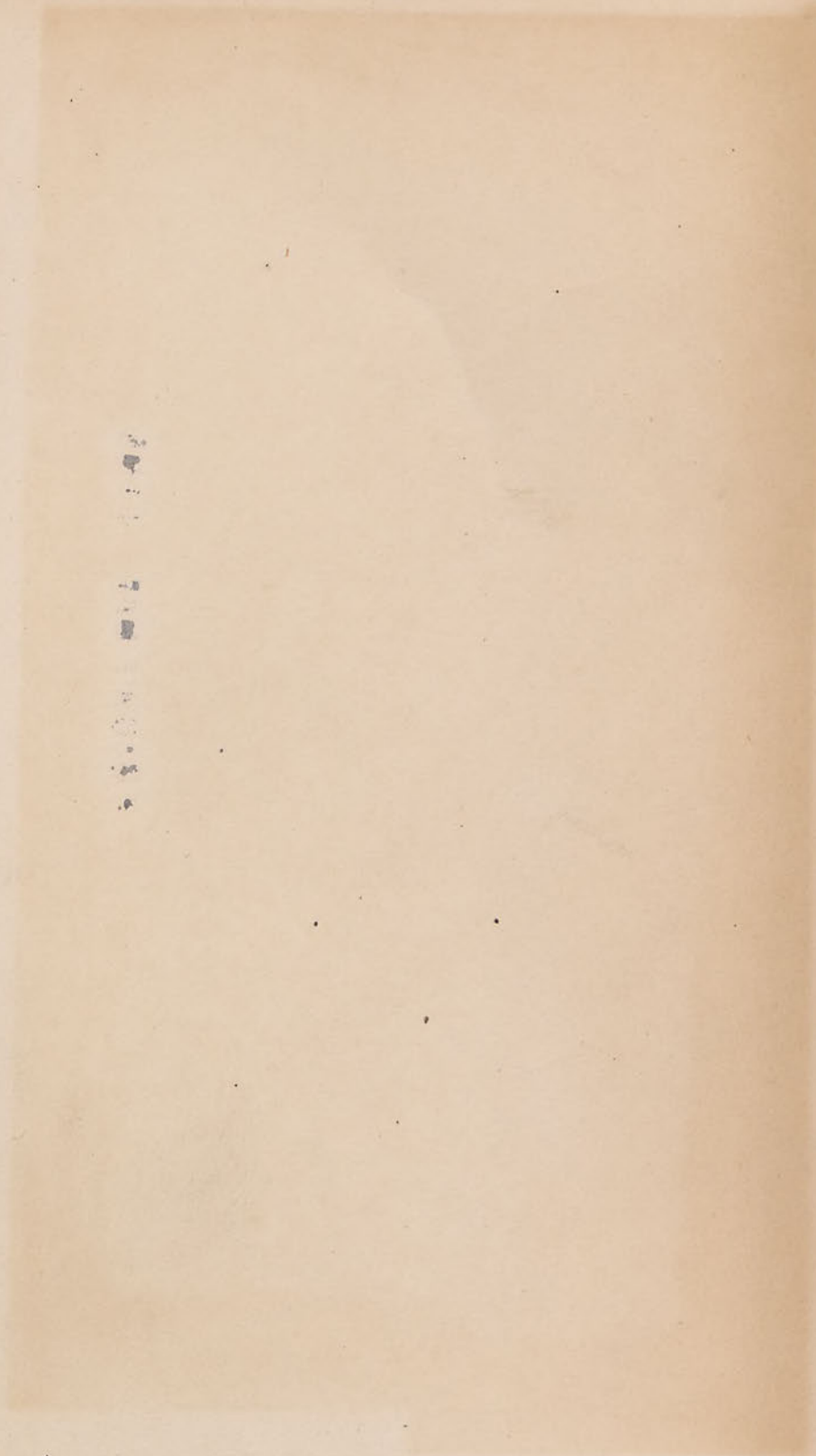
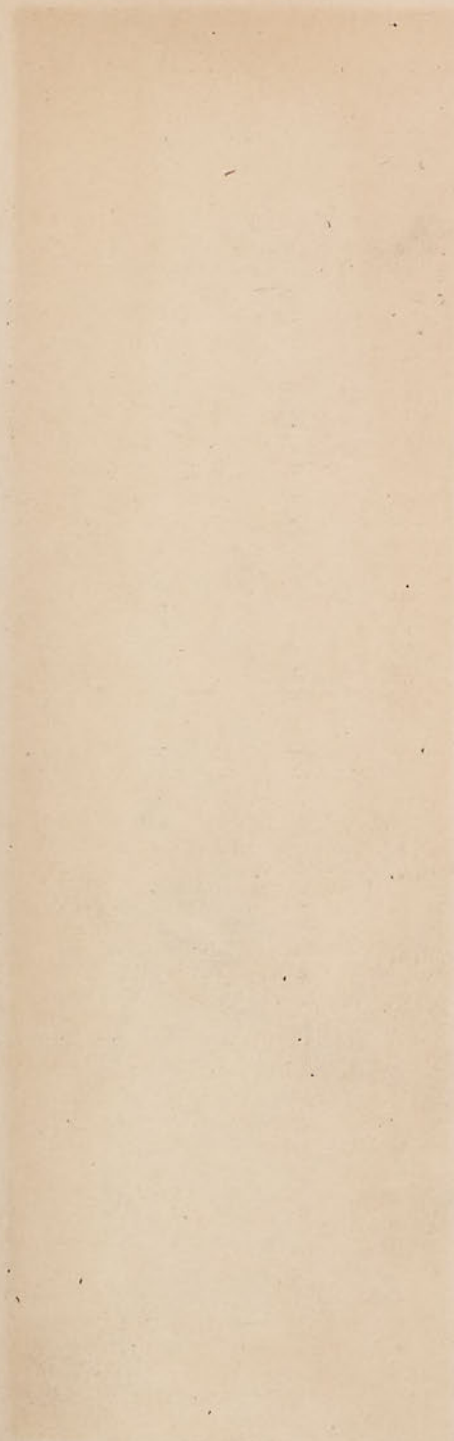
"We honor him today as an outstanding champion of baseball—but more than that—we honor him for the splendid task he has performed in the formation of the character of our American youth. We honor him, too, for the outstanding moral qualities and deep religious convictions which have so brilliantly characterized his 75 years.

"Therefore, Very Rev. Father Provincial, we request that you confer on Mr. J. A. Robert Quinn the degree Doctor of Physical Education, honoris causa, together with all its rights and privileges."

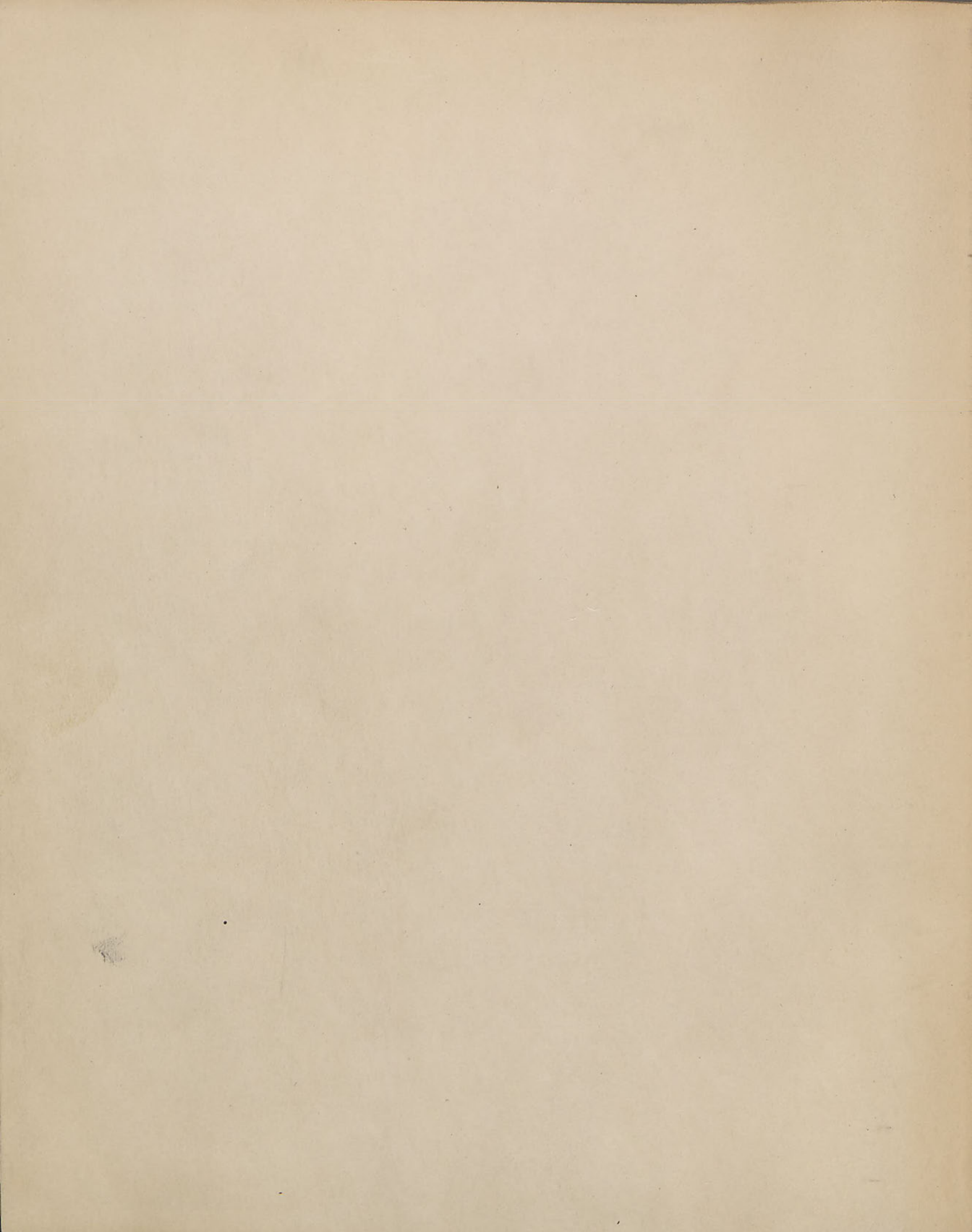
Congratulated By All

Then, the formalities of the occasion completed, members of the Providence College official family and friends gathered around the veteran of more than five decades of organized baseball and heartily congratulated the beaming recipient of the honorary degree.

Upon receiving the degree Mr. Quinn said that in his years in baseball he had received many things, many tributes from individuals, societies and newspapermen but that nothing had ever pleased him as



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