

RHODE ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP ON THE LINE

.. Friars ..

FRIARS SET FOR ALL OUT EFFORT

By DAVE CONNORS, JR.
This is to inform Mr. Rambling Ram that he, Rhode Island State, and all R. I. rooters are in for the surprise of their lives at the auditorium tonight. Providence College, definitely up for this game, is prepared to go all out against the Rams, and the biggest upset of the local basketball season is not the remotest of dreams. The Friars are not conceding a thing to the Rams.

Rhode Island State enters the fray the prohibitive favorite, but in this traditional classic the underdog, as the Friars will be tonight, has been returned the winner on many occasions. The Friars have alternately looked good and bad all season, but they have proved with every game; and are prepared to put forth their greatest efforts of the season tonight. The entire squad is in top physical condition and this means a lot.

Rhode Island State's record is a very impressive one on the surface. However, further investigation indicates that the calibre of basketball played by the majority of the Rams' opponents this season has not been top flight. The Rams have actually played two first class basketball clubs namely St. Joseph's of Philadelphia and St. John's of Brooklyn, N. Y. Rhode Island was whipped by St. Joseph's and the Rams managed to eke out a five point win over St. John's in Madison Square Garden. However, St. John's had three regulars out of action the night they succumbed to the Rams. It is evident that Rhode Island State is not the same team when playing away from home.

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Starting Lineups

State	Providence
Ulles	RF Lozoski
Blount	LF Bresnahan
Allen	C Killian
Palmieri	RG Weinstock
Sclafani	LG Littlefield

PAST RESULTS

	P.C.	R.I.
1920-21	85	35
1921-22	35	19
1934-35	28	53
	47	43
1935-36	53	47
	65	42
1936-37	38	42
	63	54
1937-38	41	52
	59	85
1938-39	45	57
	60	77
1939-40	30	49
	62	75
1940-41	42	70
	71	98
1941-42	60	54
	54	68
1942-43	54	56
	68	85
1944-45	42	90
1945-46	60	82
	55	78

NEUTRAL VIEWS

Coach Weeb Eubank of Brown University would not go out on the limb.
"Providence College looked as good against us as State did the night we played them. According to the Holy Cross game P. C. is up for this one, but Holy Cross is still the best of them all."

By ROLLICKING RAM

RI EXPECTS EASY TIME AT ARENA

Tonight the Rhode Island State Rams will invade Providence for the first time this season. They will face the Friars of Providence College at the Rhode Island Auditorium in a game that is expected to be little more than an exhibition of the Rams' vaunted power on the basketball court.

The men of Frank Keaney have little to fear from the Friar quintet. The game itself will in all probability prove to be nothing more than a good workout for the Rams in preparation for some of their more important games in the near future.

No doubt, P.C. will come out on the floor a spirited group of young men with good intentions of giving Rhode Island State a battle, and possibly upsetting them. However, only the wildest of imaginations would expect such an upset.

The Rams will parade a huge galaxy of stars before the 6000 odd spectators tonight. Jackie Allen, Bruce Blount, Sal Sclafani, Bob Ulles, Capt. Al Nichols, Henry Donabedian, and Al Palmieri, former Friar athlete, will all take turns showing the huge assemblage the finer points of race horse basketball as taught by the great Frank Keaney.

The Rams, with eyes on Madison Square Garden and a post season bid to one of the tournaments, will be out to run up as large a score as possible; and the cold facts indicate just such a happening.

In the past few games the Rams have not looked too good, but this was due more to the long lay-off during

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RHODE ISLAND STATE ROSTER

Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Prep. School	Home	Service	Points Season
Allen, Jack	Freshman	C	5-11	170	De La Salle Academy	Newport	X	212
Anelundi, Ed	Freshman	F	5-9	150	East Providence	East Providence	X	
Bassler, Walter	Freshman	F	6-	148	East Providence	East Providence	X	
Benesch, William	Sophomore	F	6-2	170	Lane Tech	Chicago, Ill.	X	
Bergman, Walter	Sophomore	F	5-8	148	Braintree	Braintree, Mass.	X	
Blount, Bruce	Freshman	F	6-3	180	South Kingstown	Kingstown		137
Donabedian, Harry	Junior	E	5-11	172	Aldrich	Warwick	X	73
Goodwin, Ken	Sophomore	C	5-5	180	Somerville	Somerville, Mass.		163
Grabiec, Stanley	Freshman	G	5-9	165	New Bedford	New Bedford, Mass.	X	
Kelley, Louis	Sophomore	F	5-9	140	Attleboro	Attleboro, Mass.	X	
Misko, John	Freshman	F	5-11	160	Garfield	Garfield, N. J.	X	
Nichols, Al	Senior	G-F	6-	150	Durfee	Tiverton		44
Palmieri, Al	Sophomore	G-F	6-2	180	New Bedford	New Bedford, Mass.	X	116
Pederzani, Art	Freshman	G	6-	170	Plymouth	Plymouth, Mass.	X	
Rogovin, Lou	Freshman	F	5-5	145	Bronx Vocational	New York N. Y.	X	
Rutherford, Dick	Sophomore	F	5-11	164	Townsend	Townsend, Mass.	X	
Santo, Vincent	Freshman	G	5-11	180	Colt Memorial	Bristol	X	
Sclafani, Sal	Sophomore	G	6-	180	New Rochelle	New Rochelle, N. Y.		87
Shannon, Don	Freshman	C	5-10	145	Pawtucket East	Pawtucket		
Shannon, Bill	Freshman	F	5-11	150	Pawtucket East	Pawtucket	X	
Smith, John	Sophomore	G	6-2	200	Dean Academy	Braintree, Mass.	X	
Ulles, Robert	Freshman	F	6-4	205	Westerly	Westerly	X	173
Golombiewski	Freshman	F	6-3	190	Emerson	Union City, N. J.	X	

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE ROSTER

Name	Year	Ht.	Wt.	Prep. School	Home	Service	Points Season
Arzooanian, John	Junior	5-10	170	Central	Providence		
Bresnahan, Charles	Sophomore	5-9	145	La Salle	Providence	X	55
Edwards, Rae	Sophomore	6-2	165	St. Mary's	Milford, Mass.		
Killian, Robert	Freshman	5-11	176	St. Raphael's	Pawtucket	X	88
Littlefield, William	Freshman	6-1	175	La Salle	Johnston	X	39
Lozoski, Walter	Freshman	5-9	160	West Hazleton	Hazleton, Pa.	X	64
McCormack, Paul	Sophomore	5-9	143	Taunton	Taunton, Mass.	X	32
Modliszewski, Walter	Sophomore	5-7	165	Marianapolis	Putnam, Conn.		
St. George, Raymond	Freshman	5-9	165	Worcester	Ocean Grove, Mass.	X	17
Sowa, Ferdinand	Junior	6-2	195	New Bedford	Acushnet, Mass.	X	47
Sullivan, John	Senior	6-4	215	Malden Cath.	Arlington, Mass.	X	101
Weinstock, Arthur	Freshman	5-11	195	Newton	Newton, Mass.		25
Williams, Paul	Freshman	5-11	180	East	Pawtucket	X	11

Top to Bottom:

Jack Sullivan
Walt Lozoski
Cy Killian
Charlie Bresnahan
Ferd Sowa

Top to Bottom:

Jackie Allen
Al Palmieri
Ken Goodwin
Bruce Blount
Bob Ulles

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ALLEN, Jack. Center. A graduate of De La Salle Academy, Newport, R. I., in 1942. Served in the Army for over three years and spent 18 months overseas. One of two Rhode Island schoolboys to be selected for All State honors for three successive years. He entered Rhode Island in February, 1946, and was a starting guard on the Rhode Island team that advanced to the finals of the 1946 National Invitation Tournament in New York's Madison Square Garden. He is a brilliant ball handler and an excellent playmaker.

BLOUNT, Bruce. Forward. Holder of the Rhode Island schoolboy scoring record for a single game with 66 points. Born and brought up on the outskirts of the State College campus, he has been around the college ever since he was old enough to walk. He was an all Rhode Island center for two years and is a graduate of South Kingstown High School, in 1946.

DONABEDIAN, Harry. Forward. A graduate of Aldrich High School, he was an All Rhode Island forward in 1941. He was a regular forward on the 1943 Rhode Island State College team. A sergeant in the infantry, he served in the ETO and holds battle stars for service in France and Germany. An outstanding third baseman on the baseball team, he has been interviewed by scouts for several big league teams.

GOODWIN, Kenneth. Center. Attended Somerville, Mass., High School where he starred in basketball. Played for school team in the M. I. T. and New England tournaments. Selected All Tech center. He is a sophomore and played for Rhode Island last year.

NICHOLS, Alton. Forward. A graduate of Durfee High School in Fall River, Mass., he is the only senior on the team. Played a portion of the 1943-44 schedule and scored 52 points. As a regular guard in the 1944-45 season, he tallied 158 points. Last year, he shifted from guard to forward and scored 101 field goals and 30 free throws for 232 points. His 21 points against Bowling Green went along way toward enabling Rhode Island to advance to the final round of the National Invitation Tournament.

PALMIERI, Albert. Guard. A graduate of New Bedford, Mass., High School, he was selected as an all tournament guard in the M. I. T. tournament of 1940. Attended Providence College for one year before entering the Army. Served for three years in the ETO with a military police outfit. Entered Rhode Island in February, 1946, and played an important role in the Rams' late season success.

ROGOVIN, Louis. Forward. The smallest member of the team, he stands only 5-5½. A deadly set shot artist. Played for Bronx Vocational High School when that team won the New York P. S. A. L. city championship in 1941. He served as an aerial gunner with the Army Air Corps and flew 35 missions in the South Pacific.

SCLAFANI, Salvatore. Guard. A sophomore, he was a regular on last season's team. A graduate of New Rochelle, N. Y., High School, he played with the Westchester County champions in 1944. Last year, he played in 23 games for Rhode Island and scored 116 points. He enjoyed his best night against Holy Cross when the Rams topped the previously unbeaten Crusaders in a brilliant game at Boston Garden.

ULLES, Robert. Forward. A grad-

uate of Westerly High School, Ulles once scored 723 points in a single season and 65 points in a single game. He was selected for the Rhode Island team in basketball and baseball for two successive years. He served in the Navy for 14 months in the Philippines.

SMITH, John. Guard. A graduate of Braintree, Mass., High School, he played basketball there and at Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass. Entered Rhode Island State College in 1942 but left to become a lieutenant in the Navy. Served as a pilot in the South Pacific. A member of last year's team and later starred as a pitcher on the baseball team.

Rams Remarks

Coach Frank Keaney: Laughed and shied away when asked for a definite prediction. Then he waxed eloquent on the ability of his boys.

"We look for Providence to give us a battle. The reports from up north indicate a very speedy team. We expect a hard fought game."

Capt. Al Nehols: "P. C. always points for this game. It'll be close."

Al Palmieri: "We'll have to be at our best to beat P. C. I've seen them play twice this year. They're scrappers. They fight hard for the ball. It will be a close game."

Ken Goodwin: "According to the reports of the Holy Cross-P. C. it looks like Providence will be at its best for this game."

Jackie Allen: "Didn't want to be quoted."

Bruce Blount: "I saw the second half of the P. C.-Holy Cross game. P. C. looked good. They out scored the Cross while I watched the game."

Bob Ulles: "Providence seems to be getting better every game."

Harry Donabedian: "Wish that St. Joe's game had come off."

The Shannon Brothers: Don and Bob had no comment.

RI Expects . . .

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examination time than any other single factor.

Rhode Island State as usual will put little stress on defensive play. The best offense is the best defense is the theory of this Ram club. For the past eight years Rhode Island State has been among the highest scoring teams in the country and this year is no exception. Having hit the century mark in points scored three times this year and in many other games coming close to it, there is no doubt of the State aggregation's ability to score, and score often.

The Rhode Island public will have a chance to see this great Ram machine in action for the first time this season tonight as the games at Kingston have been limited to the student body only. The advance sale reports indicate the public is taking advantage of this opportunity. The Auditorium will be filled to capacity tonight and the public will no doubt receive their money's worth. This Ram team knows how to put on a show for the spectators. The show is always at its best when the Rams are winning as they expect to do easily tonight.

STATE VS. PC IN THE PAST

When the "Fighting Friars" of Providence College take to the floor tonight against Rhode Island State, it will be in continuation of the strongest rivalry in Rhode Island Collegiate basketball. The series dates back to 1921 when Providence was a college of only slightly more than a hundred students. The Rams won this first contest by the one sided score of 85 to 39. In 1922 P. C. was again conquered by a score of 35-19.

In the 1935-36 season another great Friar quintet downed the Rams twice by scores of 53-47, and 65-42. In this season the Rams were led by the sensational John Martin, and P. C. boasted such standouts as Leo Davin, Ed Bobinska, and Ben Smith.

Finally in the 1936-37 season, the Rams gained a win over P. C. by the score of 63-54. This was the first win the Rams had gained over a Friar quintet in 14 years. However, later in that season a spirited Providence team whipped the Rams 42-38 before the largest crowd ever to witness a basketball game at R. I. State. In scoring this victory the Friars destroyed the Rams chance to cop the New England Inter Collegiate Crown. As in the previous year, Bobinski and Davin were the main factors in the Providence victory.

During the 1937-38 season the Rams pounded out 52-41 and 85-59 triumphs over the Friars. In 1938-39 Providence bowed twice by scores of 57-45, and 77-60. P. C., exhibited a good brand of ball in both of these contests, but State was practically unbeatable. In the 1939-40 season the Rams crushed the Friars by scores of 49-30 and 75-62. In 1940-41 the Rams had perhaps one of the strongest squads in their history. They reached new heights in subduing Providence 70-42 and 98-71. "Chet" Jaworski led the Ram attack in this season, and he went on to become one of the leading scorers in the nation.

The 1941-42 season finally brought a temporary halt to Ram supremacy. In this season one of the greatest quintets Providence has produced scored a 60-54 victory over State. Larry Drew, present P. C. coach, Ted McConnon, now head coach at St. Anselms, Zabeck, Marone, and Ferd Sowa, a member of the current Friar quintet, were stars of this Providence squad. McConnon and Zabeck led the way in the Friar win, each netting 18 points. "Stutz" Modzelewski was the standout for Rhode Island as he dropped in 14 points. The game, played before 5,000 at the Rhode Island Auditorium, was extremely close and hard fought till the end, Ted McConnon scored the clinching points in the final minutes of play. This P. C. quintet was the most highly publicized squad in Providence history. They finished the season as the second highest scoring quintet in the nation. Rhode Island won the second contest 68-54, in an equally close and bitterly contested battle.

The Rams again began to exert supremacy in the 1942-43 season. In the first game P. C. bowed 85-68. The sensational Ernie Calverly made his first appearance in this season, and he led the Rams with 29 points. Pagliori was the main cog in the Providence attack as he netted 24 points. Later in the season State downed the Friars 64-56, with Calverly again leading the attack.

Only a single game was scheduled during the 1944-45 season, with the Rams emerging as victors on the long end of a 90-42 count. Calverly and Hale paced the winner's attack netting 28 and 27 points respectively. La Bossierre led the Friar attack with 12 points.

Last season Larry Drew returned to the fold, but even his presence was not enough to upset a great Rhode Island State quintet. The first game was very closely fought during the first half, as the Rams left the floor with a mere 18-12 margin at the half. Drew was eliminated on fouls in the closing minutes of the first half, and the Rams went on to pile up an 82-60 advantage at the closing whistle. Calverly and Hale

met State as a J. V. back in 1941. The pride of Malden Catholic was off to a fine start, but illness has slowed him down during the past month. Now he's ready to go once again. His fighting spirit will be a big asset tonight.

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Robert "Cy" Killian is probably more familiar with this edition of R. I. State than any other Friar. At St. Raphael's in the State Class B circuit, Cy played against Bob Ulles, Bruce Blount, Jack Allen and other Rhody standouts. In 1943 after leading the Saints to the State title, he left school to do a stretch in the Navy. Since his return he has played hard, fast high scoring ball.

Walt Lozowski is the playmaker of the Friars. This never-tiring Air Force veteran is in addition to leading the Friars in assists, also manages to stay close to the top in individual scoring.

Bill Littlefield has been improving by leaps and bounds. He has all the necessities of a star, height, speed and a marvelous eye. The Colby game made him. He was a standout on defense as well as runner-up in scoring. For this he was rewarded with a starting role against Holy Cross.

Paul McCormack is the smallest man on the squad, standing 68 inches on which is packed 140 pounds of basketball savvy. This Army veteran was a standout basketball and baseball player at Taunton High before he was graduated in 1942.

Ray St. George, probably, is the most natural athlete on the team. This cold performer has seen most of his action with the J. V. squad, but his sharp eye rates him a shot with the Varsity.

Ferd Sowa's big night was strangely enough, against Boston College. If the other Friars had followed Ferd's example, then the Eagles would have been in for a rough time. He and Al Palmieri, Rhody standout, were teammates at New Bedford high which usually makes the Massachusetts Tournament. Ferd's undergraduate years were no exceptions as both he and Palmieri made all Tournament honors.

John Sullivan, Captain and Autistimus of the Friars, six feet five inches. The P. C.-State series is no novelty to this ex-sailor. "Sully" first

ran wild for State amassing 42 points between them. John Sullivan, La Bossierre, and Ethier were the stand-out for Providence. In the second game the Rams pounded out a 78-55 win, with the uncomparable Calverly again leading the winners attack. Rhode Island State went on to reach the finals of the national championship tourney in this season. Kentucky edged the Rams by one point for the national championship. The 1945-46 season marked the final year in the regime of Coach Ed Crotty.

At present the series stands at six wins for Providence, and seventeen wins for Rhode Island State. As the Friars enter the game tonight they will do everything in their power to add another win for P. C.

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Friars Quotes

Coach Larry Drew: "After Saturday's game our chances looks much better. Still I won't predict it either way."

Capt. John Sullivan: "It'll be close."

Cy Killian: "State hasn't played anyone yet in my opinion. We're ready for them and intend to make it a good game."

Ferd Sowa: "With a few breaks we can win."

Walt Lozowski: "It'll be a tough game."

Art Weinstock: "We've got a chance but it will be, a hard game."

Ray St. George: "Well, I don't know if I'm in a position to say anything about the game, but it'll be good."

Tom Orr: "No comment."

Friars Set . . .

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Coach Larry Drew of the Friars has been emphasizing defensive playing in practice session this week and it is expected that the Friars will play a cautious brand of basketball with close checking of the Ram high scorers the main point. Teams in the past have found it futile to play Rhode Island State at its own game.

Providence College in all its previous games this season has been very slow getting underway. However, the Friars are determined to overcome these early lapses in tonight's encounter. P. C. comparatively small as college basketball teams go, will not have to contend with too much of a height disadvantage in tonight's fray. The Rams have only two real big men, and Capt. John Sullivan 6' 4" tall will probably be assigned to one of them.

Tonight's contest will in all probability decide the collegiate championship of Rhode Island as both opponents have already defeated Brown, the other Rhode Island contestant for the championship.

So take heed, Mr. Rambling Ram. When the final whistle sounds tonight do not be surprised if the Providence College Friars walk off the floor the victors. This corner predicts just that.

STATE 46-47 TALLY

		Scores	
Date	Opponent	Place of Game	R.I. Opp.
Dec. 3	Arnold	Kingston	120 59
Dec. 6	Loyola of Baltimore	Kingston	84 55
Dec. 9	St. Michael's	Kingston	106 62
Dec. 12	Quonset N.A.S.	Kingston	124 44
Jan. 4	St. John's	Madison Square Garden	54 50
Jan. 7	New Hampshire	Kingston	88 64
Jan. 10	Maine	Kingston	99 66
Jan. 11	Connecticut	Kingston	75 57
Jan. 15	Brown	Kingston	96 71
Jan. 18	St. Joseph's	Philadelphia	59 69
Jan. 21	Bucknell	Boston Garden	59 52
Jan. 25	Villanova	Kingston	68 64
Feb. 8	Coast Guard Academy	Kingston	87 61
Feb. 12	Coast Guard Academy	New London	56 54

PC 46-47 RESULTS

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Date	Opponent	Place of Game	P.C. Opp.
Dec. 7	St. Anselm's	Providence	67 59
Dec. 11	American International	Providence	69 51
Dec. 14	Boston College	Providence	49 66
Jan. 11	Colby	Waterville	55 43
Jan. 15	Seton Hall	South Orange	44 70
Jan. 18	Brown University	Providence	68 58
Jan. 25	Springfield	Providence	52 57
Feb. 8	Massachusetts State (Devens)	Providence	57 42
Feb. 12	Clark University	Providence	70 63
Feb. 15	Holy Cross	Providence	50 59