RHODE ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP ON THE LINE

FIARS SET FOR ALL OUT EFFORT

By DAVE CONNORS, JR.

This is inform Mr. Rumbling Ram that he, Rhode Island State, and all R. I. roosters are in for the surprise of their lives at the annual tonight. Providence College, definitely up, 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 Friers are not conceding a thing to the Rams.

Rhode Island State enters the fray in a traditional classic the underdoging, as the Friers will be tonight, has been returned the winner on many occasions. The Friers have alternately looked good and bad all season, but they prepared with every game and are prepared to put forth their greatest effort of the season tonight. The tire 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 investigations indicate that the caliber of basketball player by the majority of the Rams' opponents this season has not been top flight. The Rams have actually played two first class basketball teams, 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 edge 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 encountered the Rams. It is evident that Rhode Island State is not the same team when playing away from home.

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RI EXPECTS EASY TIME AT ARENA

By ROLLICKING RAM

Tonight the Rhode Island State Rams will invade Providence for the second time this season. They will play the Friers 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 Konney have little to fear from the Friers tonight, but it seems that the Providence College is up for this one, has been notioned to be 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 face a well disciplined group of young men with good intrusions of giving Rhode Island State a battle, and possibly upsetting them. However, only the wildest of imaginations would expect such a feat.

The Rams will parade a huge galaxy of stars before the 6000 odd spectators tonight. Jackie Allen, Bruce Blount, Bob Sclafani, Bob Ulles, Capt. Al Nichols, Henry Donald, and Al Palmieri, former Friar athlete, will all take turns showing the huge assemblage the finer points of home basketball as taught by the great Coach Weeb Eubank of Brown University.

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 big 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 the season.
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Coach Larry Drew of the Friars has been emphasizing defensive play in practice sessions this week and plans to play a cautious brand of basketball with close checking of the Ram high scorer. Drew's plan, however, is to make it difficult for the Friars to get into a position to say anything about the game, but it will be a hard game.

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SMITH, John. Guard. A graduate of Madison Junior High School, Smith played basketball in Belgium for two years. He was stationed in Europe for a year before being assigned to the 3rd Infantry, where he has been stationed ever since. He has been stationed in the Army for over 20 years.

BLOUNT, Bruce. Forward. Holder of the Rhode Island schoolboy scor- es, one of two Rhode Island school- men, he entered Rhode Island in February, 1942. A workman's son, he served in the ETO and holds battle stars for service in France and Ger- many. He is a brilliant ball handler and an excellent artist.

DONABEDIAN, Harry. Forward. A graduate of Madison High School, he entered Rhode Island in February, 1941. He was a regular forward on the 1940 Rhode Island State College team. A sergeant in the infantry, he was stationed in the ETO and holds battle stars in Europe and Japan. An outstanding third baseman on the baseball team, he was one of the four scouts for several big league teams.

Rogovin, Louis. Forward. A graduate of Durfee High School in Fall River, 1942, he was selected as a member of the team. Placed a portion of the 1944-45 schedule and scored 32 points. A three-point shot gave him 20 points, and he began the season with 32 points. He was tallied 165 minutes. Last year, he shifted from guard to forward and was one of the 10 men with 100 points free throws for 323 points. His 21 points against Rhode Island put him on the way toward enabling Rhode Island to advance to the final round of the Na- tional Tournament.

PALMIERI, Albert. Guard. A grad- uate of Madison Junior High School, he was selected as an all tour- nament guard in the M. I. T. tour- nament of 1942 and was selected as an all-star player with the Army Air Force team in the Rams' last season success.

ROGOVIN, Louis. Forward. The 5' 11" former Friar is the smallest member of the team, he stands only 5' 5". A deadly set shot marks his game. Since his return he has played hard, left school to do a stretch in the Navy. He is a big help to the team.

Sclafani, Salvatore. Guard. A sophomore, he was a regular on last season's team. A graduate of New Rochelle, N. Y., High School, he was selected as an all-star player with the Friars and was the Rams' biggest night. He was the Rams' most valuable player.

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Paul McCormack is the smallest member of the team, he stands only 5' 10". A valuable playmaker, he is an excellent passer. His fast pace is well known, and he has been the Rams' most valuable player.

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