Cowl Sports Scribe Reminiscences
On PC, Ram Basketball Rivalry
Records Show R. I. University Has Won 25 While Providence College Has Captured 8
In 22 Year Hoop Rivalry

By James Marshall
Tonight when the Friars tangle with the Rams at the Auditorium they will be renewing Providence College’s oldest rivalry which dates back to 1911. The Bhsports are lead in this basketball series with a record of 25 victories to Providence’s 8 but the previous record can be disregarded as far as tonight’s encounter is concerned.

By Janes Marshall
Both teams in the records I happened to find that the first basketball game that was played at this Dominican institution was against State in 1912 and it was known to the fans coming out in front of the score of 60 to 23. The following year was made almost as disastrous for us again ended up on the short end of a 30 to 19 score.

No Games From 1913 to 1925
Sports activities between the two schools were severed in 1925 and it was not until 1925, after a layoff of some thirteen years that competition was continued. P. C.’s quintet was at the time under the leadership of ‘General’ Al Mcallen who was head of the Smithfielders until 1929 when Ed Croddy took over. We beat State once and they beat us on our fourth visit.

In 1929-30, the Rams and Providence were sporting two of the top teams in New England but neither team was able to gain the upper-hand and we split the series. However, the Rams had something to cheer about since it was the first time in sixteen years that they gained a victory over our squad. Once the State fans got to cheering I sensed that they wouldn’t stop be-cause Providence was unable to gain another victory until 41.

Friars Defeat Rams in 41
This undeciphered quintet of the 1940-41 season was lead by Larry Drew, Homer Martin and Ted McComon who upset the nationally heardsome three boys by the score of 64 to 34.
The same State team later in the season played in the R.T.I. tourney at Madison Square Garden.

After the ’41 victory came the fanfare. We had to wait until December of 49 before we could gain another victory over the Keeneymen. During these black eight years the Providence roosters could gain some consolation in the fact that State was producing nationally famous teams that were unstoppable. The very word basketball and “fast break” became synonymous with Rhode Island State and Frank Keeney. This was the era of the unforgettable Ernie Calvert.

Martinmen Face Ramlets In Opener
Providence’s J. V. squad will play the preliminary game of tonight’s doubleheader at the Arena. The Martinmen will do battle with the Ram Jaysies beginning at 7:00 p.m.
The Martinmen are freak from last Thursday’s victory over Bryant and should be ready for the Moody men. They took the measure of the Bryant forces by the score of 70 to 84. Leading scorers in last Thursday’s tilt was Charlie Aquavia who scored 14 points through the hoop for Smithfielders.

Aquavia will be counted on to turn in his usual good performance tonight and if his set shot is working he’ll make for a pretty rough for the visiting Ramlets. But Aquavia isn’t the only Friar with the scoring touch. Coach Martin can depend on Ray Cor- den and his deadly set back up Aquavia at the guard post.

Up at forward the lineup will probably feature Jack Keatling who has been doing a great job off the boards. Jack’s colleagues will be Bill Quin- lan who has just been rounding into form after having dislocated his shoulder earlier in the season. Bill was high point man in the first game of the season and his loss, due to injury, was sorely felt after the sec- ond game.

Completing the starting five for the Jaysies will be ‘Stretch’ Preston, at center. ‘Stretch’ has been improving with each game and can be counted on to turn in a good performance.

Keep an eye on Coach Martin’s contest and find two freshmen, Jack Loweney and Joe King, playing dual roles. They will be helping Coach Martin out in the Jay- see encounter when necessary and they will also be on hand for the varsity tilt if required. Both will be used sparingly in the preliminary game, however.

Friar IV: “P.C. Over R.I U. By Three Points
In Tonight’s Game”

As Told to Joseph Ungaro
Ramlet reporter Bob Moran reported over R.I. by three points in tonight’s game. “I saw Friar IV beat R.I. IV told this reporter in an interview (exclusive, of course) yesterday afternoon.

Bob said that the game was a close one, but that P.C. was never behind with a terrific fourth quarter surge. Bob added, “Our last quarter was the best I’ve ever seen and it righted off those Rams.”

The interview, unsolicited by this reporter, came about Friday afternoon when Friar IV beat the Cowl Defenders and off to give his predic- tion on tonight’s game.

“After my triumphant in accurately predicting the results of last year’s NAB tournament which, incidentally, was Friar IV’s first attempt at getting into the crystal bone since he took over the job of official marksman (the editor). I know my fans are eager to hear me make my predictions on tonight’s game.”

“Beside me, I know,” he added, “you’re short of copy.”

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FRIARS, RAMS CLASH TONIGHT

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Friars, Rams Are Evenly Matched In Tonight's Game

"(Continued from Front Page)" into overtime. Stinhouse walked off with Words Unlimited's "School Boy Athlete of the Year" award for this winter, so you can rest assured he's a capable boy to have around. The event that one of the starters gets fatigued. Stinhouse returns with better memories of last year's pattings at the hands of our top yearoutfit. Kulaib shrine, a six-foot-taller Irish marine, will be in this contributing value that the clocking of tonight's running causes thanks to a wonderful Christmas present--his discharge from the service.

However, we fancy the boys not our way will be more than able to hold their own against anything that the wily animals with the curved horns can do.

Schilmans Back In Form

Jim Schlimm, playing for the first time in mastodon's Vin Cuddy's bandwagon again. He looked like the James of old as he stood in the Fairfield in the Friars' last game. Big Jim, shadowing Schlimm, has his pivot shot with all the old authority. Afterward, he turned in a couple of automatics shots from the left of sight, we're convinced he has made up his mind to come up a phone booth. Mr. Haire is undoubtedly bearing out some of his frames right at the moment trying to figure out a way to stop the versatile sophomore ace.

But these two are simply the best of a good lot. There's Ray Kortenhoef, who showed his Waterbury neighbors some beautiful jump shooting when he starred against Fairfield. Jerry Lembo, who justified Mr. Cuddy's confidence in his Homer in a starting post a few games back by turning in consistently hot ball playing, and Hank McGovern, who has proved his worth as a rebounder while playing an indispensable "inside" role in the attack.

Friar Defense Men Ready

Phil Loparo or Tom Mullins get the nod if any of the Rams seem to be finding the hoop a bit too consistently. Mullins showed his defensive capabilities by transforming Fairfield's deadly Kench from a howling, moshing mosey into a less fearsome facet late in the fourth quarter of the Fairfield game. Lynch appears to have found something of a scoring touch to go with his defensive talents. Both boys will give any shooter fits by their crowding.

Lanky Bob Prendergast will get many opportune slips to play his weak numbers against Kingman's representatives. Bob has the height and the shots to go against Cleinegets and Hellriegel, the Rams' big men.

Friars Have Strong Bench

And Jim Mullins will be veterans of past R.I.U.C. games. Tom Bauer, and Ronnie Gagnon, who will give the reserve strength along with sophomores Jack Durkin and Jack Reynolds, who were in on most of the first-shock- lasting last game, and Freshmen Ken Kerr, Jack Lowery and Joe King. So it looks like history will repeat itself as the two teams stage another of their 24-carat melers with all the stoppers pulled out. My prediction is off the hook in the last few minutes.

Frisco Scoring

Player            Pts     To Date
Bob Morgan            F   74
Jim Schlimm            C   135
Ray Kortenhoef        F   88
Hank McGovern         F   94
Bob Prendergast      C   36
Ken Kerr              C   36
Jerry Lembo           G   34
Phil Lynch           G   34
Tom Bauer            F   36
Jack Reynolds       C   33
Ronnie Gagnon       F   32
Jack Lowery          G   12
Tom Mullins         F   9
Jack Durkin         F   9
Joe King            G   9

Tickets Available

The sale of tickets for TONIGHT'S game will continue un-
til 1 a.m. this afternoon, at the Athletic Office. Sale of tickets
will be discontinued promptly at 3 p.m., so it is urged that you
buy them immediately. Student tickets are 46 cents. If you wish
to obtain the regular seats, for a date or a friend, you may pur-
buy them for $1.25.

Moran...

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squad. Not only is Bob the team's leading shooter but at last reports he was the top hooper in New England in foul shooting.

While in high school the Brooklyn boy was chosen on the New York All-Brooklyn squad. Bob is not the only Moran playing in New England, for his brother is one of the stars for the Boston College five.

Next Cowl Tomorrow

The next regular issue of the Cowl will be on the stands tomorrow. This edition has been prepared by the editors in view of the great interest in tonight's P.C.-R.I.U.C. contest.

Tomorrow's edition will contain news of the proposed Regional Club Federal, Ball Committee, the Commonwealth Game, and other features.

Hoop Series Is Marked By Many Thrills

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Dick Hole, Ken Goodwitt and Jackie Allen.

P.C. Wins From 42 to 40

We both wait for a long time before
we gained another contestant. (12 long games)--but when this victory game it was well worth the wait. It goes back to that notable night of December 18, 1940, at the Arena, where we broke our losing streak by register-
ing a 59 to 57 win.

I was a freshman that year and full
of all the enthusiasm that goes with being a yearling, but even I was dis-
couraged when I looked up at the scoreboard in the first half and it read 33 to 15 in favor of the Rams. When the half ended P.C. was still far behind.

The second half started slowly but
something seemed to be clicking with the P.C. that was previously lack-
ing. We were still losing throughout most of the second half, then suddenly with about five minutes to go the fans realized that we did have a chance. During the evening minutes there was no one on the Arena who wasn't sitting—the place was in a frenzy.

Lembo's Foul Tie Game

With 30 seconds left in the game Jerry Lembo was fouled in the act of shooting a layup that would have tied up the ball game. The ref awarded the fouls, if he made these two good game the ball would be tipped out if he didn't P.C. would probably lose.

Calmly, Jerry strolled up to the foul line and sank both baskets.

The score was now tied (57-57) at 5:57.
P.C. got possession of the ball (old railing) and it was passed off to the ball handling Walt Loomis who dribbled into a position about 25 feet from the Rhody basket. Walt stood just there for a second and then he arched a shot that swished through the hoop without even touching the rim.

Demonstration Follows 60 Win

In the ensuing 15 second the Rams failed to score and Providence had brought home the "bonus" by the two point margin of 59 to 57. But the story of that night did not end on the basketball floor—it had just be-
gan. In one of the wildest scenes the North Main Street Arena has ever seen the players and coach Vin Cuddy were carried to the dressing room by the fans.

In the second encounter of the 1940-50 season P.C. lost a thriller down at Kingston by the close margin of 60 to 58. Johnny Mitchell saved the day for the South County boys when he put on a man exhibition of dribbling for the last 3 minutes of playing. However, the Cuddymen had won the big back ten days ago when they defeated the Haileymans at the Auditorium.

"16 Game A Thriller," Too

Who would ever dare predict that the Providence teams would ever produce a thrill that would match the two games of the 49-50 classic but the impossible happened. The first game of the series which was played at the Arena found P.C. on top by the one point spread of 46 to 47.

The follow-up encounter in Febru-
ary found the Friars in a weakened condition due to the fact that Frank Pelligroso was out with an injured knee and the Cuddymen bowed before the Providence teams.

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