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 1921. The Bhoys won in that first 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.

Looking back at the records I happened to find that the very first game of basketball that was played at this Auditorium installation was against State in 1921 and it found the Rams coming out in front by the score of 30 to 25. The following year found the result almost as disastrous for us as again ended up on the short end of a 33 to 19 score.

No Games From 1922 to 1923

Sports activities between the two schools were suspended in 1922 and it was not until 1923, after a layoff of some thirteen years that competition was resumed. P. C. ’s quintet was at that time under the leadership of “General” Al McLaughlin who was a leader of the Smithies until 1928 when Ed Crotty took over. We beat State that year, resulting in our first profitable following year, in 1923-24, when we won both our games from the Rams by a score of 33 to 28 and 47 to 43.

In 36-27, 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 it seemed that they wouldn’t stop be-}

cause Providence was unable to gain another victory until 41.

Frits Upset Rams in 43

This undeniing quintet of the 1920-21 season was lead by Larry Devol, Horace Mort and Ted McCombie who upset the nationally birthed boys by the score of 68 to 64. This same State team later in the season played in the R.I.T. tourney at Hoboken Square Garden.

After the ’41 victory the tables were turned. We had to wait until December of 49 before we could gain another victory over the Keckeenmen. 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 good basketball and “fast break” became synonymous with Rhode Island State and Frank Keeney. This was the era of the unforgettable Ernie Calverly.

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Martinmen Face Ramlets In Opener

Providence’s J. V. squad will play the preliminary game of tonight’s doubleheader at the Arena. The Martin- men will do battle with the Ram Jayvees beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Martinmen are the luck of last Thursday’s victory over Bryant and should be ready for the Rhino men. They took the measure of the Bryant forces by the score of 79 to 54. Lead- ing scorers in last Thursday’s tilt was Charlie Aquavi a who tossed 14 points through the hoop for Smithies.

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

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

Completing the starting five for the Jayvees will be “Stretch” Paton, at center. “Stretch” has been improving with each game and can be counted on to turn in a good performance tonight.

The Martinmen will find two freshmen, Jack Loweney and Joe King, playing dual roles. They will be helping Coach Martin out in the Jayvee 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 Boy IV:

“PC Over R.I.U. By Three Points In Tonight’s Game”

As Told To Joseph Ursaglia

“It was Friar Boy’s first attempt at eroding the crystal bone since he took over the job of official scribe after the death of Friar Boy III (the editor). I know my facts are correct since I’ll be putting in a short copy of the incident tonight.”

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Friars, Rams Are Evenly Matched In Tonights Game

"(Continued from Front Page)" into overtime. Stimehouse walked off with Words Unlimited's "School Boy Athlete of the Year" award this winter, so you can rest assured he's a capable boy to have around. And this year's event that one of the starters got fatigued. Dunn returns with better memories of last year's 28-point struggle. The winning team thanks to a wonderful Christmas present—his discharge from the service.

However, we fancy the boys out our way will be more than able to hold their own against anything that the wily animal with the curved horns can do.

Schlins is Back In Form Jim Schlins, the Rams' leading scorer, is a matter of Vin Cuddy's bandwagon again. He looked like the James of old and scored four against Fairfield in the Friars' last game. Big Jim still can't drive and his pivot shot with all the old authority. After his slump, he got some automatic shots from the left side of the field, we're convinced he was due. He's certainly thinking about the phone booth. Mr. Haire is undoubtedly hearing out some of his troubles 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 Bay Ketnerbank, who showed his Waterbury neighbors some beautiful jump shooting when he starred against Fairfield. Jerry Lembo, who justified Mr. Cuddy's confidence in him by scoring 24 points against the G-clue, and Hal Young, who has proved his worth as a rebounder while playing an invaluable "inside hole" in the attack.

Friar Defense Men Ready Phil Longley and Tom Mullins get the nod if any of the Rams see to be finding the hoop a little too consistently. Mullins showed his defensive capabilities by transforming Fairfield's deadly Kenneth from a high-flying forward into a pesky facelift late in the fourth quarter of the Fairfield game. Lynch appears to have found something of a scoring bug in grog with his defensive talents. Both boys will give any scorer fits by their crowding of the lane.

Lanky Bob Prendergast will get many opportunities to plio his waves against Kingpin's representatives. Bob has the height and the tools to go against Conlan's and Hellwig, the Rams' big men.

Friars Have Strong Bench And they'll be veterans of past R.U.L. games. Tom Bauer, and Ronnie Gagun, who will ride the reserve strength along with sophomores Jack Durkin and Jack Reynolds, who were in on most of Friar's disappointing, last-season games, and Freshmen Ken Kerr, Jack Lowrey and Jon 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 up. My prediction of Friars' victory in the last few minutes.

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Tickets Available
The sale of tickets for TO-NIGHT'S game will continue un- til 11:00 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 60 cents. If you wish to obtain the regular seats, for a date or as a friend, you may purch- ase 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 hopper in New England in foul shooting.

While in high school the Brooklyn boy was chosen in 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.U.L. contest.

Tomorrow's edition will contain news of the proposed Regional Club Federal Bank, the Commonwealth Board, the Committeemen, and other features.

Hoop Series Is Marked By Many Thrills

"(Continued from Front Page)"

Dick Hole, Ken Goodwin and Jackie Allen.

P.C.'s Winders From 42 to 49 We had to wait for a long time before we gained another contestant. (12 long games), but when this victory came it was well worth the wait. It goes back to that notable night of December 19, 1949, at the Arena, when we broke our losing streak by register- ing a 29 to 57 win.

I was a freshman that year and full of all the enthusiasm that goes with being a youngster, 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 ensuing minutes there was not one patron in the Arena who was feeling— 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 him two free throws, if he made these two good the game would be considered over. However, if he didn't P.C. would probably lose.

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