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 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.

-looking back at the record, I happened to find that the first game of basketball that was played at this Dominican institution was against State in 1921 and it found the Rams coming out in front by the score of 60 to 35. The following year found the results almost as disastrous for us as we again ended up on the short end of a 35 to 19 score.

No Games From 1903 to 1923

Sports activities between the two schools were suspended in 1923 and it was not until 1925, after a layoff of some thirteen years that competition was continued. P. C.'s quiet was not at that time under the leadership of "General" Al McFadden who was coach of the Smith Islanders until 1928 when Ed Crofty took over. We beat State 26-13 which was our only profitable following year, in 1925-26, in which we won both of our games from the Rams by a score of 53 to 28 and 47 to 43.

In 1926-27, the Rams and Providence were sporting two of the top teams in New England but neither team was able to gain the upper-hand as 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.

Frikies Split Rams in '43

This undying quiet of the 1940-41 season was broken by Larry Drew, Horace Marion and Ted McGonnigal who upset the nationally feared Boulder boys by the score of 60 to 54. This same State team later in the season played in the N.I.T. tournament at Madison Square Garden.

After the '41 victory came the famine. We had to wait until December of '42 before we could gain another victory over the Keystone men. 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 Calvery.

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 Jayvees beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Martinmen are fresh from last Thursday's victory over Bryant and should be ready for the Bhoys men. They took the measure of the Bryant forces by a score of 78 to 84. Leading scorers in last Thursday's tilt was Charlie Aquaviva who tossed 14 points through the hoop for Smith Islanders.

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

Up at forward the lineup will probably feature Jack Keating, who has been doing a good job off the boards. Jack's colleagues will be Bill Quinlan who has just been rounding into form after having dislocated his shoulder earlier in the season. Bob was high point man in the first game of the season and the boss, due to his injury, was only half his usual self the second game.

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

The Jayvee squad will find two freshmen, Jack Lowrey and Joe琼 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.

PC's Individual Scoring Record Broken by Moran

Bob Moran, the Friars' star forward, established a new school record when he scored 29 points in last Saturday's encounter against St. Benedict. When the Friars won 71 to 69, the previous school record was held by Captain Jim Schilling who had scored 28 points against this same New York club a year ago.

Bob, who missed the first two games of the campaign due to an injured eye, has been scoring at the rate of 19.3 points per performance. His total of 176 points, compiled in eight contests, makes him high man on the (Continued on Back Page)

By Phil Griffin

Tomorrow night at Rhode Island Auditorium, Providence College meets Rhode Island University in the 1952 renewal of their red-hot basketball rivalry in the preliminary.

Keaney And Cuddy Predict Close Game

"We'll probably play another close game on Tuesday, against Providence. But I think that our County boys will win in the end. 61-70 I'm sure that no matter who wins it will be another grand contest, similar to Thursday's previous one. The affair will be a continuation of the fine rivalry that has existed. I know Providence is very good today and you can't predict a one point victory with State taking the measure, 71 to 74."

So said Mr. Frank Keeney, who is now Athletic Director at R.I.U., in a conversation with reporter Friday. Mr. Keeney, former coach of the Rams, is known far and wide as the man who developed the "fast breaking" type of ball as is played State University.

When we run across our own Vis Cuddy later in the day, he said: "I feel sure that it'll be another close one, but I think the gang can take them."

In his two previous years as coach of the Jayvees, Cuddy successfully guided the Friar five in two major upsets over our Bhoys rivals. His famed "P" for predictor saw him drop State for the first time in almost a decade. Again this coming season he pulled the quinquet through in an overtime contest (6:100).

Frier Boy IV:

"P.C. Over R.I.U. By Three Points
In Tonight's Game"

As told to Joseph Ungaro

By Bob Moran

We've got the J. V. boys in Providence over a J. V. by three points in tonight's game. The Friars' Bob Moran IV told this reporter in an interview (exclusive of, of course) yesterday afternoon.

"I personally said that the game will be a close one, but that P. C. will win with a terrific fourth quarter surge. We added, "Our last quarter pace with the ball should be right off the right off those Rams."

The interview, unnoticed by this reporter, came some time after noon when Bob Moran interviewed the Coudl and oracle to give his prediction on tonight's game.

"After my triumphant in accurately predicting the results of last year's NAIB tournament (which, incidentally, was Friar Boy's first attempt at predicting into the crystal bone since he took over the job of official mastic at the death of Friar Ill - the editor). I know my fans are eager to hear what I have to say tonight's game." Beside him, he added, "you're short of copy."

"As far as J. V. IV, if you remember, correctly predicted that P. C. would beat St. Amselle in the first game of the NAIB tourney which was held last March at Tufts College. He also predicted correctly that Tuffo would (Continued on Back Page)
Friars, Rams Are Evenly Matched In Tonights Game

"Continued from Front Page" into overtime. Stinniehouse walked off with Words Unlimited's 'School Boy Athlete of the Year' award in this writer, so you can rest assured he's a capable boy to have around the event that one of the starters got fatigued. Dana returns with better memories of last year's outings at the hands of our top year-outfitting. Kubinski, a six-foot-four-inch ex-marine, will be in there contributing valuable reinforcement to the Blue Wave's ball handing calls 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 woolly animal with the curved horns can dish out.

Schlins Is Back In Form
Jim Schlins, pleasant Andy-fish on maestro Vin Cuddy's bandwagon again. He looked like the James of old against Fairfield in the Friars' last game. Big Jim, in search of a new shooting point, had his pivot shot with all the old authority. Afterward he was able to get some automatic shots from the lister of situations, we're convinced he was correct in turning to his phone booth. Mr. Haire is undoubtedly leaving out some of his moves 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 Burt Kunde, who showed his Waterbury neighbors some beautiful jump shooting when he starred against Fairfield. Jerry Lenjo, who justified Mr. Cuddy's confidence in awarding him a starting spot a few games back by turning in consistently hot ball playing, and Hank McQuaid, who has proved his worth as a rebounder while playing an undeniably "inside" role in the attack.

Friar Defense Men Ready
Phil Lynch and Tom Mullins get the nod if any of the Rams seem to be finding the hoop a little too consistently. Mullins showed his defensive capabilities by transforming Fairfield's deadly Keough from a hot-shooting machine into a feisty 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 opportunes to play his wares against Kingdom's representatives. Bob has the height and the shots to go against Conley's and Hillwag, the Rams' big men.

Friars Have Strong Bench
All of the Friars except Mullins and Lynch are past R.U.I. games. Tom Bauer, and Ronnie Gagnon, who will pick up the reserve strength along with sophomores Jack Durkin and Jack Reynolds, who were in on the West fresh last season, and freshmen Ken Kerr, Jack Lawwer 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 an easy Friar win in the last few minutes.

Ticket Prices
The sale of tickets for TONIGHT's game will continue un-
til 15 minutes after the start of the match 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 50 cents. If you wish to
obtain the regular seats, for a date or a friend, you may pur-
brchase them for $1.25.

Moran . . .

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Big Bob Moran is the leader. Moran played his top basman in New England in foul shooting. Moran is not only Moran playing in New England, for his brother is one of the stars of 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. contest.

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

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