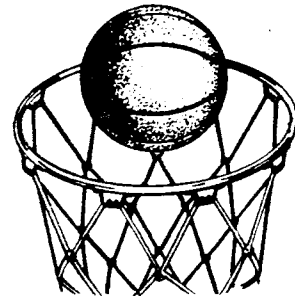


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President's Message

Well, our 20th season for the Rockville Centre Boys Basketball League is well along into the first half of the 1974-75 program and the various divisions seems to have well matched teams with good competition for all.

The underlying philosophy of the Boys Basketball League program has always been that the boys come first. We want every boy to find playing in the League a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Plans are coming along for the Annual Holiday Tournament, and you'll be hearing more about this from your coaches and in the Bulletin.

Sincerely,

Irving Matloff

SOPHOMORE DIVISION

The Sophomore Division started their season play on October 26th with Mackens facing George Smith and it was a cliff-hanger. Mackens won in a close game on Terry Hunt's clutch foul shot in the last minute of play. The final score was Mackens 23, George Smith 22.

Able Ford downed Benjamin Pontiac 36-18. For the winners Tom Sweeney, Paul McCormick and Andy Greenberg were standouts, while Jonathan Crist and Mark Fahey played well for the losers.

PBA and Yellow Book were locked in a tight game until the last minutes of the final quarter when PBA pulled ahead to win 22-10. Tim Quigley, Jon Lamstein and Paul Murphy played well for their respective teams and both squads showed unusually strong defense.

It was Wolf's 26, Ocean Foam 17 in their season opener. The difference was the 9-0 lead that Wolf's took in the first quarter. After that, they played even. Both teams played well with Brendan Milone, Brendan Lavelle, Lee Hambro, Al Tragesar and David Yassky showing great promise as do Steve Reyer and Neil Murphy.

Yellow Book played good ball against Wolf's, winning 28-14 with Jerry Gordon, Steve Travers, Paul Cooleen, Brendan Lavelle and Paul Murphy turning in fine performances.

Able Ford came through with their second successive win, this time over George Smith, although it was anyone's game until the last quarter. Randy Vyskocil dominated the boards and other standouts included Walter McGee, Tom Sweeney and Paul McCormick.

PBA jumped off to an early lead over Ocean Foam and held it throughout the game with the final score PBA 27 - Ocean Foam 16. Both teams had fine plays from Tim Quigley, Jon Lamstein, Mark Murray, Steve Reyer, while Mark Murray and Neil Murphy were most effective under the boards.

Benjamin Pontiac moved out from a 10-9 lead at half time over Mackens to a 25-13 win. Richie Mauch gave the car dealers control of both the offensive and defensive boards ably assisted by Jon Crist, Mark Fahey and Mike Hennig. For the losers, Paul Laux, Paul Betts and Terry Hunt played very well.

Mackens led from the beginning to best Ocean Foam 14-6. Paul Betts and Bill Barrett were offensive standouts while John Geyer excelled under the boards and on defense. Steve Reyer was outstanding in a losing cause.

It was PBA all the way over George Smith as they jumped out to a 22 point lead by the first half. George Smith made a strong comeback in the second half, but couldn't quite catch up. The final score was 27-17 favor of PBA.

Able Ford started off in high gear to overrun Yellow Book 28-6. Tom Sweeney, John Ryan and Paul McCormick led the winners while Walter McGee tried hard to apply the brakes to them.

Benjamin Pontiac pulled out to a 6 point lead in the second half and held on to beat a spirited Wolf's squad. For the winners Jonathan Crist, Mark Fahey and Brendan Lavelle paced the offensive while Dan Morrissey, George Combes, Richie Mauch played excellent defensive ball.

Mackens and Yellow Book were well matched in a close contest with Mackens emerging victorious 26-22. Paul Betts, Paul Laux, Jerry Gordon, Steve Travers and John Geyer all played fine ball for their respective teams.

In a game marked by tight defense for both sides, Ocean Foam squeaked past Able Ford 16-14. Outstanding games were turned in by Neil Murphy, Steve Reyer, Jay Huber, Tom Sweeney, Paul McCormick and Ken Morr.

It was PBA 38, Benjamin Pontiac 22 in a game with superior back court play by both teams and fine passing. The difference in the score was the result of an early first quarter shooting match by PBA and they were able to hold a fourteen point advantage for a good part of the game.

At the end of the first half, one point separate the George Smith squad from Wolf's. George Smith pulled away in the third quarter thanks to timely foul shooting by Paul Aiello, while Brett Kaplan, Brendan Lavelle and Andrew Harms all contributed their share to their teams.

JUNIOR DIVISION

In a nip and tuck game all the way, Canterbury Service Station won 31-30 over Bankers Trust. For the winners, Marty Murphy, John Waiser and Ted Demme played well while David Gelfand, Tom Leck and Dan Simon almost pulled it out for the losers.

Another squeaker was County Federal vs Chemical Bank with the final outcome 28-27 respectively. This was a game marked by tight defense all the way and fine play by Mike Fahey, Jay Harms, Jim Schnuer, Rich Rosenthal and Bob Wasson.

Nassau Savings downed First National City 27-11. Kevin Ryan, Brian Laux and Gary Vyskocil scored well for their respective teams while defensively Bill Tommins, Barney Fenaughty, Peter Mintzer and Jim Hennegan did their share for the two teams.

It was Pathmark 31 over Newmark & Lewis in a close game until the last quarter. Fine performances were turned in by Danny Croutier, Jim Wallick, Peter Devine, Dave Blyn, John McFeely, Stan Bonner and Leland Roth. Final score 31-24.

Next time out, Newmark & Lewis evened the standings by squeaking past First National City 31-29. This was a really close game which was decided in the last twenty seconds of play when Jim Wallick dropped one in for the winners. Other standouts were James O'Neill, Gary Vyskocil, Peter Mintzer, Jeff Katz and Joe Connelly.

Chemical Bank outpaced Bankers Trust 30-22. For the winners Bob Wasson, Bill Kelly, Dan Jansen played good ball with David Gelfand, Peter Devine, Ken Fabian and George Abele trying hard for the losers.

Nassau Savings edged out Pathmark 22-18 in a close contest. This was a full team effort on both sides with every man pulling his weight.

County Federal pulled away from a close game against First National City to win 30-24. It was a balanced attack led by Dick White and Mike Fahey with fine defensive support from Jim Schnuer that enabled County Federal too offset the fine play of Gary Vyskocil, Jim Hennegan and Peter Mintzer.

Bankers Trust downed Pathmark 41-25 with good team ball displayed by Tom Leck, George Abele, Dan Simon and David Gelfand while Dan Croutier, Paul Lawless and Stan Bonner tried to change this around.

Good defense and timely shooting enabled Chemical Bank to best Newmark & Lewis 37-27. Fine play was turned in for both sides by Bob Wasson, Jim Wallick, Eric Creegan and Mark Kaufman.

In a tight contest Nassau Savings edged out Canterbury Service Station 34-30 in a fine team effort with outstanding play by Bill Tommins, Brian Laux, Al Kotin, Matt Flaherty and Nick Bruno.

In a second game that was any one of many, ~~...~~
Trust put on a last minute surge to skim past First National
City Bank 27-26. David Gelfand, Gary Vyskocil and Tom Leck
played fine offensive ball for their respective teams while
defensive honors were shared by John Michaels and Paul
Zimmerman.

It was Chemical Bank 31 over Nassau Savings 20 with
fine performances from Bob Wasson, Richie Leaden, Mark
Kaufman, Bill Tommins, Joe White and Bill Kelly.

After holding a slim one point half time lead, Newmark
& Lewis exploded for 29 points in the second half to win
over Canterbury Service Station 45-32. Jim Wallick, James
O'Neill and Peter Devine played excellent ball for the
winners while John Waiser, Ted Demme and Robby Minion tried
hard for the losers.

Pathmark outdistanced County Federal 44-30 getting off
to a quick lead in the first quarter. County Federal came
back in the second quarter, but Pathmark put on a surge in
the final period to put the game on ice for good.

Carl Hoppl beat Deluxe Caterers 59-18 with fine per-
formances by Robert Lynch, Bill Moldovan, John Bisgaier
and Dan Fenaughty.

George's Pastry bested Palace of Wong with Kevin
McCormack and Mike Gawryszewski contributing to the win
while Terry Cantwell and John Gibbons excellent for the
losers.

Todd Leading outpaced Sizzler Steak House by the score
of 33-14 with Mark Wegweiser, Bill Hartley and Gary Solomon
standouts for the winners against good efforts by David
Hagen, Peter Marasco and Tim Fannon for the losers.

SENIOR DIVISION

Senior Division jumped off to a good start with the
Bagelry winning over Baskin Robbins 56-45. Both teams played
good team ball with John Ahern, Mark Thompson, Pete Neal and
Mike Lambiaso leading the way for the winners against good
play by Mike Gallagher, Dan Platt and Bill Shields.

Palace of Wong overcame a stubborn Todd Leasing team by a score of 45 to 37 in a game that wasn't decided until the final quarter. Matt Laurence and Terry Cantwell spear-headed the winner's attack assisted by John Gibbon's work on the boards while Mark Wegweiser and Bill Hartley tried hard for the losers.

After a closely contested first half, George's Pastry moved out to a 54-36 win over Sizzler. Aggressive rebounding and good defense was the key to the win led by Leigh Weissman and Mike O'Brien while Peter Marasco played excellent ball for Sizzler.

With a 20 point final quarter, Baskin Robbins sprinted away from Deluxe Caterers for a 50-33 victory. Dan Platt, Bill Shields, Mike Gallagher and Matt Lamstein provided balanced scoring for the winners with Jimmy Soldano a stand-out for the losers.

The Bagelry overcame Carl Hoppl with a display of fourth quarter heroics. Trailing by seven, the winners came up with 21 points and ended up on the sunny side of a 42-34 count. Mark Thompson, John Ahern, Bill Moldovan and Bob Lynch played extremely well for their respective teams.

Todd Leasing bested Deluxe Caterers by a score of 44-16 with Mark Wegweiser, Gary Solomon and Bill Hartley turning in excellent games against a strong try by Bill Cronin.

Palace of Wong held on to emerge victorious over a stubborn Baskin Robbins quintet 54-47. Early in the third quarter the winners stretched their lead to 20 points on some fine play but Baskin Robbins roared back and came close to pulling it out. Both squads turned in fine performances.

Carl Hoppl prevailed over Sizzler by a score of 63-51 in a tightly contested, well played game. The winners jumped off to a quick lead then Sizzler came back in the second half. Fine basketball for both teams was exhibited by Bob Lynch, Bill Moldovan, John Bisgaier, John Ahmuty, Peter Marasco, Marc Chwatsky and Mike Mincieli.

In a battle of unbeaten squads, George's outdistanced the Bagelry by a count of 62-45 with fine performances from the entire team offensively and defensively.

In a game that was tighter than the final score would indicate, George's downed Deluxe Caterers by a count of 55-34. At the half the score was tied and then the bakers put it all together with help from Leigh Weissman, Mike Gawryszewski and David Heiss while Bill Cronin and Mike Henegan tried to hold them off.

The Bagelry continued to find the winning track and outpaced Todd Leasing 34-17 with a fine all-around team performance.

Carl Hoppl's used a balanced attack to overcome Palace of Wong by a 44-31 score. Bob Lynch and Bill Moldovan kept the momentum going against a good try by Matt Laurence and Terry Cantwell.

Baskin Robbins unleashed some heavy artillery and swept Sizzler's 66 to 48 with Dan Platt and Mike Gallagher leading the way against a valiant try by Peter Marasco for the losers.

MAJOR DIVISION

The Major Division opened the season with a thriller. B'nai B'rith down by 22 points came from behind to edge out Chamber of Commerce with the final score 53-50.

Guiding Light showed their power as they defeated Kiwanis 70-50. Timely scoring by Mike Platt and Evan Mintz combined with fine floor play by Rob Paturzo overcame the good play of Rich Joyce and Gary Bargebuhr.

Park Ave. Pizza leading by one point near the end of the final quarter suddenly got hot and defeated a strong contingent from Rotary 69-45.

In an outstanding team effort where all players scored, the Oddfellows defeated Lions Club 42-37. Key offensive plays by John Swett and John Ford balanced Chuck O'Keefe's bid for the losers.

Rotary Club snapped back to defeat Oddfellows 52-45. Pat Gordon, Rich Brock, Tom Ottinger, Craig Spear, Ron Farkus, Pat Marasco and John Swett were all standouts for their respective teams.

Lions Club roared past Park Ave. Pizza 44-38 with Hal Goldstein, Chuck O'Keefe, Frank Latorre, Mark Lekarew, Jim Greenberg and Jim Maher turning in great games for their teams.

B'nai B'rith put down Guiding Light 56-45 with excellent ball handling by Mark Ferraro, Joe Fortune, Jim Exler, and Peter Hunt against a good try by Mike Platt, Evan Mintz and Paul Stimpfl.

Chamber of Commerce tied Kiwanis on a foul at the buzzer and defeated them in overtime 59-55. Fine basketball was exhibited by Jim Geyer, Peter Keenan, Bob Licalzi and Rich Joyce.

Chamber of Commerce squeaked past Oddfellows 51-50 in a come-from-behind second half led by Tom Gough, Jim Geyer, and Tim Hale. For Oddfellows, Paul Marasco and Bob Coroes tried hard to stem the tide.

Lions Club stopped a big rush by Kiwanis to defeat them 57-55. This was a total team effort with both squads turning in fine performances.

Rotary got scoring from just about every man on their team to down B'nai B'rith 54-34. In spite of the point spread, this was an exciting game to watch.

Guiding Light downed Park Ave. Pizza 57-45 with fine play from Evan Mintz, Mike Platt, Bob Brown, Jim Greenberg and Tom Brunetta.

It was Guiding Light over Oddfellows 72-59 with Mike Platt and Bob Paturzo hitting well for the winners while Tom Reyer and Paul Marasco provided good offensive punch for the losers.

In a very tight contest with the score tied and two minutes to go, Park Ave. Pizza came out on top over Chamber of Commerce 53-51. Jim Greenberg with help from Bob Brown and Bruce Gray provided scoring for the winners against a strong combination of Jim Geyer and Dan Horn for the losers.

In a seesaw battle, B'nai B'rith held on to best the Lions Club 63-61 with excellent ball handling by Jim Dinan, Mark Ferraro, Peter Hunt, Hal Goldstein, Chuck O'Keefe and Jim Exler for their respective teams.

Kiwanis with consistent scoring by Gary Bargebuhr and Joe Guilfoyle defeated Rotary Club 69-64. Bill McManus and Rich Joyce played excellent defensive ball against Tom Ottinger, Pat Gordon and Ron Farkus who made it a real ball game.

Park Ave. Pizza won 61-59 over B'nai B'rith with Jim Maher scoring the winning basket with only 32 seconds left. Good team play by Bob Brown, Jim Greenberg, Tom Brunetta and Bruce Gray overcame a fine effort by Jim Dinan and Joe Fortune.

Dan Schwartz played an outstanding game to lead Chamber of Commerce to a win over Lions Club 58-53. He was assisted by exceptional defensive play from Dan Horn while Mark Lekarew and Hal Goldstein made this a great game to watch.

Trailing most of the game, Guiding Light came on strong to finish a winner over Rotary 68-63. Mike Platt, Evan Mintz and Bob Paturzo put it all together to turn back the fine efforts of Tom Ottinger, Ron Farkus and Fred Laupheimer.



Happy Birthday to You!

Best wishes to the boys whose birthdays fall during the month of November.....Andrew Heath, Peter Dennin, Peter Devine, Paul Lawless, Peter Mintzer, Chris O'Connell, Jim Schnuer, David Heiss, Adam Rothstein, Jeff Kantounis, James Johnson, Michael Gallagher, Pat Alderdice, Robert Boyce, Michael Coyne, Jim Exler, Joe Fortune, Michael Gaba, Hal Goldstein, Larry Harter, Fred Laupheimer, Fred Monyak, Josh Roberts and John White.

Annual Holiday Tournament

Once again the Annual Holiday Basketball Tournament will be held under the able direction of Phil Geyer assisted by Jack Ratti. Play will get underway on Sat., Dec. 21 with games scheduled from 8 am-12 noon; Sun., Dec. 22 from 1-5 pm; Mon., Dec. 23 from 5-7:30 pm; then pick up again Thurs., Dec. 26 from 5-7:30 pm; Fri., Dec. 27 from 5-7:30 pm; with semi-finals Sat., Dec. 28 from 8 am-12 noon; finals will be from 1-3 pm and 4-5 pm with a special demonstration by our Freshman Division from 3-4 pm; the Major Division finals will be played on Mon., Dec. 30 from 6-7:15 pm.

We hope everyone will come out to see a fine brand of basketball in all age groups, and don't miss the exhibition of our Freshmen.

