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# Along the Sports Horizon

By BILL LANG



What price basketball? That's the question which shoots across the winter sports scene as the dawn of another season finds the tottering court sport on what might as well be the brink of oblivion.

It's difficult to take such a pessimistic attitude on a pastime which Rochester once hailed as a winter sports monarch. But the fact remains that the game is sliding farther and farther away from the heights it reached less than a decade ago.

This basketball complex is purely local. In some centers, it is still at the height of popularity. Right here in Rochester there are hundreds of eager youngsters able and anxious to show their court wares to the public but alas and alack—the public is not to be found.

This week from Loyola University at Chicago comes the announcement that the twelfth annual Catholic interscholastic tournament will be held March 20 to 24 with thirty-two of the finest Catholic quintets in the country striving for the national title now held by Joliet, Ill.

Way back in March 1924, that tournament started as an experiment in Catholic sports on a national scope. Aquinas Institute of Rochester, one of the original thirty-two contestants, electrified the meet with a spark which won national recognition by shutting out the team from Sioux Falls, S. D. by a 30-0 score.

Where is Aquinas this year? There isn't a team at the school. But before we jump at conclusions and try to fix any responsibilities let's see what's happened in the intervening years.

The star of Aquinas basketball fame was rising high in the basketball skies about that time.

The school was literally flooded with a wealth of court talent—the Masons, the Kennedys, the Sullivans, the O'Neills and hosts of others.

Interest in the sport on the part of the public rose to fever pitch. Individual stars literally were covered with that something sports writer like to call color. Chance rivalries became traditional in the short span of a few years. The schools concentrated the cream of their athletic crop into basketball. That's why Aquinas had great teams in those days.

After about five years of this basketball inflation—for that's probably what it was—things began to reach normalcy. Crowds fell off. Individual stars became just cogs in a court machine.

This drop in interest covered not only the high school sport but amateur, college and semi-professional brands. The ancient New York State Armory, once the fortress of the basketball mighty, has been usurped by lacrosse promoters each Friday night and they draw big crowds. Saturday evenings they play basketball and the crowds stay away.

A semi-pro league is in its second season and it is surviving on ninety percent enthusiasm among the players and managers and ten percent on the part of the crowds.

The stars of yesteryears are merely ghosts of a forgotten era of court glory. There great deeds have crumbled like so many ashes in the temple of a fickle fandom.

Here and there a bright young star twinkles now and then but he hasn't the power to light up the entire firmament.

Attempt after attempt to establish a Catholic League in Rochester has failed. Probably the saturation point has been reached in basketball.

Hopes for a revival of the sport are dim right now but lightning may strike to enable the game to regain public fancy.

Who can say?

# Boys Their Interests

In congratulating St. Andrew's Parish upon their twentieth anniversary we note with special satisfaction the great activity of the young people of the parish. Not only do they have regular classes in religion for their boys and girls attending the Public Schools (which are well attended), but they have the first unit of the Junior Holy Name in the diocese. They believe in the Catholic Youth Movement.

Providing recreational facilities for Catholic boys and girls is becoming a necessary adjunct of parish life, especially in these days when there is so much outside competition for the interest of youth. It is true that zealous, enthusiastic youth will at times cause damage. Ask the father of a large family. However that is no reason why the children should be neglected nor proper supervision of their playtime overlooked. Better to spend a few dollars repairing damages done to wood and glass than to have the possibility of the loss of children's souls.

The Parochial Basketball League is lining up: St. Mary's, Holy Redeemer, St. George's, St. Ambrose, St. Lucy's and St. Theresa's are in the fray. Games will begin in about a week. Enter quickly or hold your peace forever.

Columbus Club Christmas Party: The Don Bosco Club is making a great effort to put this party over in grand style. What have you? Or band music, carols, athletic events, treasure hunt, a grand supper (sup-ta-nu-sandy, etc.). A couple of stories, by Father Vogt, (a-ah! BLOOD SAUSAGE), Santa Claus (the really, really one, not those Salvation Army kind!) and many other features that we are not releasing at this time. Who may come? Any member of the Columbus Club with his friends, and any camper of Stella Maris with his friends. How MUCH??? Free—after you pay 50 cents. Get particulars at Columbus Civic Center Athletic Office.

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H. R. R. A. romped to a triple win over St. Andrew's thanks to Art Scheuch's 607 total and a 608 count by the wily Arnold Streb who tacked up a 248 score in his second try. The St. Andrew's boys failed to tip the 200 mark, Joe Kausch's 199 being high score.

St. Michael's took the first two from Corpus Christi and dropped the final contest by 26 pins. That wild-haired youngster, Johnny Szoles, clicked the maples for 619 for the winners. The Ford missed the first game but arrived in time to shoot 234 and 207.

St. Boniface suffered a heavy second game slump in the tilt with the Blessed Sacrament team, losing out by a score of 827 to 821. The other two contests were easy victories. Palmer's 692 topped the winners scores while Tawmley's 668 was best for the losers.

Aide to Secretary Al Terharr: Please send in club and individual standings of Catholic League.

**KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN LEAGUE**  
The league leading St. Boniface team held its four game edge in the Knights of St. John League by winning two of three starts from the seventh place St. Peter's and Paul's team.

The third game developed into a ding-dong affair with the Bonnies losing out by twenty-two pins when Collins and Papineau contributed scores of 211 each for the winners. Dell's 694 count was the best of four good scores turned in by the leaders—St. George's held to second place with a double decision over Cathedral after dropping the first tilt by four pins. Ehrmantraut's 655 topped the winners' scores while Ryan, with 512, proved best for the losers.

St. Michael's ran into some hard opposition against St. Mauritius, dropping the first and third games. Kress, Sr. starred for the winners with 647, rolling out games of 224, 228 and 197. Diringier finished up second with 581. Augle Malar's 688 score was high for St. Michael's.

St. Eustace came through with the only triple decision of the week, sweeping the series with St. Bernard. Schuetter hit 205, 180 and 176 for 560 while Eckert had 639 on games of 170, 165 and 204.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEAGUE**  
Bill Amering headed the individual parade in the K. of C. circuit with a fine 587 score, thanks to a high game of 234. Meinhart, Sr. collected 575.

Other double century performers included Joe Garaghty with 220, Frank Gunn with 214 and Bill Bell with an even 200. Weinhart had 207 and 201. Klutas, Puritans, Indians and Guards scored double victories over the Pintars, Orients, Santas and Ninias.

The K. of C. outfit from Elmira enjoys a 47 pin lead on the local lads at the end of the first block of a home and home series which is to be concluded in this city.

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