

Nichols Shades Park, 42 to 40, For 10th Basketball Decision

The Nichols School basketball team eked out a 42-40 victory over the Park School yesterday at Park. The Big Green cagers came from behind with a 23-point last half to nail Park and post their 10th win in 13 starts.

Ron Schmitt whipped in 10 points for Nichols. Alex Toschi bagged nine. Ron Maierhofer hit the cords for 12 and Howard Maierhofer and Dale Casto split 18 for Park, which now has a 10-6 record.

Park built up a 24-19 halftime lead. Nichols urged back with 15 points in the third quarter, taking its first lead of the game at the end of the period, 34-32, on Ray Empson's set shot.

The Big Green never trailed in the last period. They held a 42-38 lead with seconds left when Dale Casto meshed Park's only basket of the period to close the gap. Casto tallied seven of Park's eight points in the last eight minutes.

NICHOLS			PARK				
G	F	T	G	F	T		
Carney f	2	0	4	Finnell f	1	1	3
Empson f	4	0	8	H. Maierhofer f	3	3	9
Jones f	0	0	0	Bell f	3	0	6
Sternberg f	0	0	0	Casto c	1	0	0
Troschi c	2	5	9	Smith c	1	0	0
Schmitt g	3	4	10	Maierhofer g	4	4	12
Taggart g	3	2	8	Zierk g	0	1	1
Conkling g	0	1	1	Howard g	0	0	0
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Totals	11	14	42	Totals	12	16	40
Nichols	9	10	15	Nichols	8	4	12
Park	12	12	8	Park	8	10	10

Park Closes Out Basketball Season, Defeats Neumann

Park School completed its most successful basketball season last Friday with a win over Neumann School, 77-71. Neumann had won the earlier contest by 1 point. This time it was Park who came from behind to stage the last half rally to win. Neumann had taken a 6 point advantage at halftime which was narrowed to one point by the Snyder team during the third quarter. The lead see-sawed in the last quarter until the 3 minutes mark when Tom Zierk broke the game wide open with 2 buckets. The teams exchanged foul shots in the last minute but Park maintained its freeze successfully. The Neumann JV's reversed this script by coming from behind to win 30-28. Dick Attea for Neumann and Don Wallens for Park led the scorers with 10 each.

Park cagers thus ended with their best record, 11 wins against 6 losses. They have clinched 2nd place in the CUPS race for the Cornell Cup and still have a mathematical chance to tie Allendale School of Rochester. Their record in the league was 6 and 2. Co-captains Terry Finnell and Ron Maierhofer played their last game and reserves Charlie Keeler and Dave Bunis were the only other seniors who will be missing when another year rolls around. Dale Casto, high in the Neumann game with 27 points, Howie Maierhofer, who had 25, and defensive ace Tom Zierk all return for another year. Casto established new single season and career scoring records. His 230 points this year broke the 218 point mark he established last year as a sophomore, despite his absence in two games. His career mark is now at 511 points, which broke Ted Okie's standard of 440, made in 1948-50. Behind Casto in the scoring were Howie Maierhofer with 200, Ron Maierhofer with 138, Finnell with 119 and Zierk with 118, evidence of the balanced scoring of the first 5.

Last Wednesday Nichols invaded Park Park for its return game and again walked off with the verdict, this time 42-40.

Hamburg Matmen Capture Top Titles In Sectional Meet

Hamburg High School, which recently completed its first full season in the Erie County Interscholastic Wrestling Conference, took the over-all and Class AA titles in the Section V, New York State Public High School Athletic Association Tournament over the weekend in West Seneca Central School.

Coach Bob Becker's Hamburg team with Gene Kempf and Lu Ray Staff winning individual titles, amassed 42 points to take the over-all title. West Seneca, coached by Warren Gregory, the sectional wrestling chairman, was runner-up for the over-all crown with 38 points. Orchard Park, the defending tourney champion, was third, winning the Class A diadem with 37 points. Royalton-Hartland Central of Middleport took Class B honors. West Seneca won the most points for pins, with 11, while Hamburg had 9.

A crowd of about 400 Saturday evening watched the final bouts, which were highlighted by the 175-pound battle between West Seneca's powerful Dick Barry and Orchard Park's Bob Abplanalp. After a thrilling first period in which both wrestlers maneuvered, counter-moved and blocked cleverly, Barry pinned Abplanalp with a reverse half-nelson. Here are the first, second- and third-place finishers in each weight division:

103-POUND CLASS—Julian Capello (D) defeated Bill Eisenreid (OP), 3d. Ed Grzechowiak (WS). 112—Fred Lojaccono (D) pinned Ken Meissner (WS). 3d. Frank Reuter (H); 120—Jerry Jackson (OP) d. Chuck Cederman (A); 3d. John Marshall (H); 127—Gene Kemp (H) pn. Fred Johnson (R-H); 3d. Denny Deubel (WS); 133—LuRay Staff (H) d. Ron Herb (D); 3d. Gene Murray (WS); 138—Ed Kowalczyk (D) d. Dale Eckle (OP); 3d. John Derbyshire (H); 145—Frank Maciejewski (WS) pn. Dale Minard (H); 3d. Ron Baun (OP); 154—Griff Blakeslee (C) d. Larry Middagh (WS); 3d. Burt Burger (H); 165—Wayne Suckow (OP) d. Harold Lewis (H); 3d. Denny Wilson (Park School); 175—Dick Barry (WS) pn. Bob Abplanalp (OP); 3d. John Rutterman (H); Heavyweight—Alex Nicoloff (OP) pn. Ken Kelkenberg (C); 3d. Bob Larson (H). Legend—D-Depew; OP-Orchard Park; WS-West Seneca; H-Hamburg; A-Amherst; R-H Royalton-Hartland; C-Clarence.

Hamburg Matmen Win Section VI, Class AA Crowns

Hamburg High School's well-balanced wrestling team compiled a total of 42 points to snare the AA and overall championships in yesterday's first Section VI title bouts at West Seneca.

The host school was runnerup for both crowns with 38 points, and Orchard Park, the A titlist, was third with 37. Amherst Central won the Class AAA and Royalton-Hartland gained the Class B diadem.

Other scores were Depew, 28; Clarence Central, 19; Williamsville 4; Cleveland Hill, 0, and Park School, an independent entry, posted five points. The weight champions:

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FATHERS GUESTS OF SONS FRIDAY IN PARK SCHOOL

The second winter father-and-son day will be observed on the campus of the Park School of Buffalo in Snyder on Friday, under the chairmanship of Mr. Carl H. Zierk, as announced today by Headmaster E. Barton Chapin Jr.

At 3 o'clock there will be a students' basketball game in Schoellkopf gymnasium. After a buffet supper in the dining room, basketball and wrestling letter awards will be presented.

A double feature motion picture, showing outdoor life and leading athletes will be shown. Highlighting the evening's program will be a father-and-son basketball game.

Park School Cagers, Grapplers Get Letters

The Park School basketball and wrestling teams were honored last night, at a letter award dinner at the school. Speakers included Headmaster E. Barton Chapin; Carl Zierk, chairman of the Fathers' Committee, and Herb Mols, athletic director.

Mols awarded varsity letters to the following athletes:

Basketball—Terry Finnell, Ronald Maierhofer, Dave Bunis, Charles Keeler, Dale Casto, Howard Maierhofer and Tom Zierk.
Wrestling—Dennis Wilson, John Resitz, Robert Hertz, Dave Stewart, Robert Wilson, Robert Glenn, Richard Detrick, William Meadows and Jack Merkle.