

PIONEERS IN ATHLETICS

Your Director of Athletics finds it increasingly difficult to record the highlights of Park's year in sports as the program and facilities continue to expand. Periodic visits by the Alumni maintain some contact but we are ever anxious to have you attend the school and our contests.

The Park track and field team regained the Syracuse Cup for CUPS track supremacy last spring by edging Allendale in an exciting meet which was not finally decided until a week after the meet. The unfortunate entry of some athletes in extra events made for a recalculation and Park won 166 to 165 for Allendale, Harley 31, Pebble Hill 24 and DeVeaux 4. Terry Finnell set 2 CUPS and Park records as he won the mile in 4:58.5 and the high jump in 5' 7". Co-captain Karl Heilborn won the hurdles, Tom Zierk the 100 and 220, Dale Casto the discus while Zierk, Heilborn, Harold Ruslander and Casto won the relay. In the junior section, Bob Wilson won the hurdles and set a pole vault record of 8' 9", Dick Dietrick won the 50, Howie Maierhofer the 100 and John Reissig set a shot put record of 41' 2". Thus the track cup which was away from Park only once in 6 years has returned to our dining room mantelpiece.

For the first time since 1950, Park lost a piece of the baseball title when they were upset by DeVeaus in the final game. The Dartmouth Cup thus found its way to Allendale. Tom Zierk again led the batters with a .537 average and with Don Lischer made the ALL-CUPS team. Nichols scored its first baseball win over Park since 1948 when they gained a 4-2 win in extra innings.

The baseball team finished with a 4-3 record by edging Gow while the track team topped Canisius and St. Joes in a triangular meet 75 - 39 - 21.

During the summer, the first Annual Town of Amherst swimming meet was held at our Park School outdoor pool and the throng of spectators and competitors agreed that the meet should be an annual affair.

The football team enjoyed one of its most successful seasons as it went undefeated again and regained the Yale trophy which had been away a year. Co-captains Dale Casto and Tom Zierk established all kinds of scoring records as they led the team to 7 straight wins and were joined by Dick Detrick on the ALL-CUPS team. Harry Nichols and John Reissig were 2nd team members. After 4 years of play, Casto and Zierk ended up with Park career totals of 244 and 240 points. Zierk set a single season record of 132 points with Casto at 128, and Tom has 22 touchdowns for the season and 40 for his career, both Park records. Casto eclipsed all drop-kick records with 19 and for the season and 31 for his career, tying Jim Hufford with 11 in CUPS play. The team record of 224 points was a new high for CUPS.

The German A. C. soccer trophy moved on to DeVeaux this year as Park was forced to relinquish hold on the trophy it held for one year. 4 different schools have won the title since soccer became a part of CUPS play. Howie Maierhofer, Bob Wilson and Sturg Glenn made the ALL-CUPS team as Howie was second in league scoring and led the team to a 3-2 win over DeVeaux for its only defeat.

The basketball season has just gotten underway and prospects look bright as the Pioneers won 4 of their first six games including a 46-42 defeat of Nichols. The Alumni team showed up for the annual Christmas get-together and showed the same old spirit albeit dropping a 64-39 decision. It is always a thrill for the undergraduates to have the crudite and esteemed Alumni grace the Clement gym floor for this encounter.

Come back again real soon.

"COACH"

WRESTLERS COMPLETE SEASON

Park wrestlers made their last appearance as they entered into the Niagara District AAU competition, open to all wrestlers of amateur standing. Jim Whitehead was pinned by Frank Reuter, scholastic champion who eventually finished third. In the 128# class, Bob Wilson lost a decision to John Radocha from R.I.T. who went on to become eventual champion. Denny Wilson, Northwestern freshman won his opening match over Bob Abplanalp, Orchard Park scholastic champion but was defeated in the semi-finals by Ed. Erikson, also the eventual champion.

PARK CO-CAPTAINS STAR IN SILVER HOOPS

Basketball fans were treated to an extra portion of scholastic play when on Friday night, March 26, Park's three senior co-captains accepted invitations to participate in the 4th annual Silver Hoops tourney held at St. Joes. ALL-High, ALL-Catholic, ALL-CUPS, ALL-Erie County selections were present to provide area fans with one of the top offerings of the season. The above boys were divided up into 4 teams, one of which included the Junior Globe-Trotters, who not only furnished a high calibre of basketball but also treated the packed house with a display of hi-jinks worthy of their senior counterparts.

In the first game, an "Orange" team, handled by our own coach and combining the aforementioned Pioneers with the top talent, from Bennett, Kensington and Amherst, swept a "Maroon" team off the floor by a margin of 78-52 and received such accolades as "the best team on the floor that night" and "a top passing and shooting group" and "are you sure that these boys never practised together?" Howie Maierhofer and Dale Casto were among the top scorers with 13 and 11 points while Tom Zierk acted his usual role of rebounder and play setter which gave the "Orange" team the zip to pull away from their opponents. Tony Cippolla of Bennett with 18 and John Krol of Ryan led the respective teams in scoring. LINEUPS:

ORANGE

Wilson (Ben)	2	2	6
Cipolla (Ben)	6	6	18
Casto (Park)	3	5	11
Zierk (Park)	2	1	5
Wagner (Ken)	1	3	5
Maierhofer (Park)	4	5	13
Seibert (Ken)	3	1	7
Besser (Amh)	3	1	7
Hubb ell (Ben)	2	2	6

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MAROON

Bennett (S.J.)	1	2	4
McSwain (Ann)	3	2	8
Wagner (Ann)	1	0	2
Valvo (G.C.)	3	0	6
Haraswicz (Ry)	2	0	4
Krol (Ry)	10	2	22
O'Grady (Fal)	1	2	4
Vallone (G.C.)	0	2	2
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