



by Seamus McGrady

It was a close game all the way, and not until the final moments of last Friday night's game did Port manage to squeak by Hicksville 52-46. In fact, if three of Hicksville's first string had not fouled out in the last period, the score might well have told a different story.

Pete Gale, Bob Metzger, John Schermerhorn, Jimmy Gilbert and Bob Dohm started the game, but Hicksville seemed to have the key that opened up the Blue and White's defense.

Hicksville Leads At Half

Coach Costello substituted Rodney Hull, Ed Lloyd, Bob Lincoln, Ron Musselwhite and Al Pollock in the second period. The visiting "Comets" increased their lead until at the end of the first half they led by eight points, 31-23.

Port's starting five entered the third period with a grim purpose. It had to be then—or never. Slowly, almost imperceptibly, the pendulum stopped its swing toward a Hicksville win, and came with increasing velocity to the Port High side. The Costello men tied the "Comets" and finally the quarter ended with Port leading 40-37.

Fourth Quarter Holds Excitement
Excitement rose in the fourth

quarter as first Port would score and then Hicksville. The loss of their tall rebounder, Magee, in the opening minutes of the quarter had a telling effect. Big John Schermerhorn and Al Pollock now controlled the backboard and it was all over for the visitors as the Port cagers rolled up point after point. With the gunshot which ended the game the score was 52-46 in favor of Port.

High Scorers

High scorers for the Blue and White were Bob Metzger and Jim Gilbert, each with 12 points. Pete Gale, who started in place of George Palaski, rang up ten tallies.

Top man of the evening was Hicksville's Scott. Playing forward, and wearing number 5, he scored 15 points.

J.V. Team Wins

Port High's junior varsity basketball team opened its season by defeating Hicksville 42-27 last Friday night.

M. Perricone was high scorer for the Port J.V. N. Certain, D. Kirkpatrick and C. Gale scored 8, 7 and 6 points respectively.

The game was close and there was relatively low scoring until the final period when Port decisively controlled the backboards.

Player Of Week

by Roger Musselwhite

The basketball season's first player of the week is John Schermerhorn, who has been selected to receive this recognition because of his fine offensive and defensive play in Port's opening



Photo by Taylor

win over a favored Hicksville five, 52-46. He was not only one of Port's top scorers but he also provided the Blue and White ca-

gers with the rebounding strength they needed to win the game.

This is John's second year of Varsity basketball, and Coach Costello will undoubtedly use his height and experience to the team's best advantage. In his sophomore year, he played in J.V. competition. He also plays football, having played two years of Varsity ball. This season, "Big Jawn's" size and aggressive play was one of the main reasons for the Blue and White line's fine defensive record.

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