



by Seamus McGrady

You couldn't have asked for a better, more exciting game than the one played here last Friday night when Port upset Garden City 43-42.

Port's squeezing in by one point ended a Garden City five-game winning streak, and gave Port the first step to a possible division championship.

Garden City looked very sharp in the first quarter as they made three out of four field goals before the Costellomen had made a tally. With Port not yet hitting its stride, the quarter ended 14-6, Garden City.

Whereas the first period was Garden City's, the second was Port's. With Bob Dohm hitting from the outside and Pete Gale from the keyhole, Port went ahead at the end of the half 22-18. The Trojans, on the other hand, couldn't find the basket and in the entire period scored only one field goal and two foul shots.

In the third period, Coach Costello substituted Al Pollock and George Palaski. The Trojans managed to cut Port's lead to three points but they made their big effort in the final eight minutes.

With Crum scoring from the outside and Mariani from the pivot, the score was tied at 37-37. With a little more than a minute showing on the clock, Paul Nuzzolese scored two successive

foul shots which put Port ahead 43-40. After that Garden City scored on a field goal. It was Port Washington's ball, but they didn't get it into play quick enough, so it was given to Garden City. In a very exciting climax, the Trojans were unable to score, leaving Port victorious, 43-42.

Mariani of the Trojans was top man of the evening with 15 points; next was Crum, number 12, with 14. Bobby Dohm scored 12 points to take the Port honors.

**The Farmingdale Game**

The game played between the Port Washington and Farmingdale varsities, December 19, was also won by one point, but this time Port lost 55-54 in overtime.

Farmingdale took a surprise lead in the first period and were winning 16-9 at its close. At halftime, Port diminished the lead and at the end of the third quarter the Costellomen were trailing by only one point, 36-35.

In a close, hard fought final period, first one team would go ahead and then the other until the buzzer ending the fourth period found the score tied, 53-53.

The three minute overtime saw a defensive battle in which Port held Farmingdale to two points but they themselves were unable to score more than one. The final score was Farmingdale 55, Port 54.

**Player of Week**

by Roger Musselwhite

In posting their initial victory of the league season, in as many games, the Port cagers were required to call upon their veteran forward, Bob Dohm, to help defeat a favored and previously unbeaten Garden City five. Bob kept Port in the game early in the first quarter when the Trojans threatened to turn the game into a one-sided affair.

Hitting consistently from the floor in the second period, Bob collected most of his twelve points at this crucial point in the game. His shooting helped to turn an eight point deficit into a four point lead at halftime. Bob's fine defensive work in the second half provided Port with the means it needed to stave off a late Trojan rally.

Bob started his varsity basket-

ball career as a sophomore. He was a member of the starting five, which won the North Shore championship in 1953. Bob is a good all-around athlete, participating in varsity football and baseball. This fall Bob played only a few games in the quarterback position because of a shoulder injury. Come this spring, he expects to be tossing the horsehide around as one of Port's veteran moundsman.

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