



by Seamus McGrady

Everyone knew that the game with Mineola would be a tough one — it was. Port High dropped its first league game in three starts to the NSAL Western Division leaders last Friday night with a score of 63-46.

Before a wildly enthusiastic, full house, the Maroons opened the first period hot as a firecracker. The score was six to nothing before Bob Metzger sank Port's first basket on a foul shot. Scoring mostly on long jumpshots, Mineola went ahead to lead at the end of the initial eight minutes, 15-10.

With Bobby Dohm set shooting from the outside and Bob Metzger scoring eight points, (mostly on driving layups) the Costellomen outscored their opponents 15-13 and left the first half trailing by only three points, 28-25.

The third quarter was the closest of all. The score was tied more than once, but the Maroons were not to be outdone. With four minutes left, they passed Port by, taking advantage of the Costellomen's off-streak. With superior rebounding power they scored 23 points to Port's 10.

There was still hope on the Blue and White team that the impossible might happen, but any efforts were successfully thwarted when a little guy by the name of Gallagher dropped in twelve points by driving through the

middle and making fantastic layups. The game's final buzzer caught a Port second string behind, 63-46.

This loss leaves Port Washington tied for second place with Garden City and Glen Cove in the League. High scorer for Port was Bob Metzger with 17. Port's mainstays under the boards were Bob Dohm with 11 points; Paul Nuzzolese, 8; and John Schermerhorn, 7. Gallagher of the Maroons won top honors of the evening with a brilliant twenty-one points (he's only 5' 10"), aided by Pete Crispo who scored thirteen points, shooting mostly one-handers from the sides. Perhaps the biggest in the final score, however, was Mineola's fine shooting from the foul line.

The Great Neck Game

Two weeks ago Port defeated Great Neck on its home courts by seven points, 52-45. The first half was closely fought, with the lead changing hands several times, but with the aid of Steelman's six points, Great Neck went ahead by two points at the intermission to lead 23-21.

Third period saw excellent defensive play by the Blue and White. Although Great Neck did not score once from the floor, John Schermerhorn made six; Al Pollock, five; and Bob Dohm, four, to put the Costellomen ahead, 40-33. Great Neck had bad luck again in the fourth period, and they scored only one field goal, allowing the Port High Cager to win handily, 52-45.

Bob Metzger was high scorer for Port with 11, followed by Schermerhorn and Gale, each with 10.

J.V.

Coach Horton's boys have had bad luck so far in the league games, dropping three in a row. Coming from behind a ten point

Intra-Murals

by Richard Newman

12B, 12C, 11C and 10B all got off on the right foot in this year's boys' basketball intra-mural games.

Bruce Gourlay's 17 points, backed by 14 points from Norman Taylor and John Osterholm rolled up the largest score of the day. The total was 57-33, with 11C winning over 11B in the

disadvantage, the J.V. managed to cut Mineola's lead to five points by the end of the third period. In a nerve racking, exciting last quarter, first we and then they would go ahead. Mineola finally squeezed by with 3 points to win a heartbreaking game, 50-47.

game played on January 21.

12B had little trouble in downing 12A. Richie Mauro was high scorer for the victors.

High scoring honors of the day went to George Zahn of the 12C team. He tallied up 21 points in a 38-23 romp over 11A.

A sparkling defensive performance enabled 10B to down 10A. Tom Newman collected thirteen points for the winners.

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