



Charley's Chatter...

By Charley Ross

Court Decision Proves Right One

There were only two seconds remaining in a Dusty League playoff contest involving the Arcadia Oil and Zappia's Restaurant teams the other evening at the Community Center when the Zappias wisely called for a timely timeout. They had to talk things over at this point because that's what they needed to tie the game. The Z-boys trailed the Oilmen, 63 to 62.

"Let's give the ball to Mary Ottnod," said one of the "Zaps." "He's hot."

"Ott", former Lyons Central sharpshooter, indeed was "hot". He had thrown in an even dozen buckets in the second half... that is until his club had stopped the clock with two ticks left on the clock.

When play was resumed the Zappias players took their designated places on the court. The ball was quickly fired to Ottnod who let a one-hander go from near mid-court. The ball was in the air when the buzzer sounded the end of the game. There's no need to prolong the suspense, dear readers, the final score read Zappias 64, Arcadia Oil 63. And don't forget to give Ottnod credit for his 13th hoop in the half.

It was only a Dusty League contest but the Zappia players were so happy they picked up Ottnod and carried him to the shower rooms on their shoulders. Keith Carr, Fred DeVries, Don DeLue, Bill Bumpus, Tootsie Lynn and Rick VanNorman comprised the transportation force.

It was like old times for this observer at one of the playoff games in the Center gym. Dave Marsh, Bill Tanea, Steve Thomson, Lynn and DeVries brought back memories of their brilliant playing days as schoolboys.

Tanea hustled up to the water fountain for a drink and drew a comment from a fan.

"You're looking good out there, Billy," chided the onlooker at the end of the first half.

"I'm tired already," replied Tanea who only emerged as high scorer with 35 points.

The Dusty League game was played on the eve of the big Newark-Lyons game and who'd have guessed that the rival school-boy coaches would be chasing each other all over the court. There was Frank Lisco of Lyons playing for the Lyons Merchants and Gary Miller of Newark playing for Tanea's team. Lisco won the scoring duel, 31 to 2, but lost the big one 24 hours later, 60 to 52.

Reds Avert Playoff With Strong Game

The moment we read the Lyons banner, "Victory Has the Taste Lyons Never Get Tired Of," we knew Lyons was a loser last Friday night. Well, not really, but it was a portent of things to come that evening.

We knew the game was out of reach for Frank Lisco's Lyons in the final period when Ralph Nash, scrambling for a loose ball, pushed it out to Rick Gravano for an easy layup and a cozy 55-41 reading on the board. Nash was flat on his stomach when he reached for the ball in a pile-up with a Lyons player.

The Newark junior gave it that extra effort and flipped a nifty pass to Gravano for one of the most unusual plays we have ever seen in the sport. It was perfectly executed by the hustling Nash who had a hand in making the Lyons fans take down the banner, "See You at the Playoff," and put it in moth balls for at least another year.

The Reds turned in a near-perfect game in thwarting Lyons' hopes for the third game that didn't come this season. John Gavin, Rick Gravano, Dick Rago, Paul Priebe and Nash all played an excellent game, particularly on defense. Gavin must like to play against Lyons. He checked in with another strong board game and without him we'd hesitate to think what would have happened in the county seat Friday night.

Coach Gary Miller's fired-up club resorted to what the boys in the bigger leagues call a disciplined offense and it again paid off handsomely. The Reds worked the ball for the good shot and we don't mean the stall or weave pattern. They'd move the ball inside and if the clear shot wasn't there they'd get it out and try another direction.

Newark scored a shutout for the day. Coach Dick Phillips' fresh won without too much trouble. Coach Dave Ackerman's Jays made a rout of their game in which Dennis Johnson and Allie Warren, a couple sure-shot prospects for next year's Varsity, impressed some of those close to the court scene.

Playing in their last Lyons game were Gravano, Tom Muscolino, Priebe and Rago. The rest will be back, including Gavin, Ed Kneut, John Langenstein, Joe Lukas, Tom Mangan, Dave Johnson and Nash. The 1968-69 starting five could be made up of Nash, Gavin, Langenstein, Lukas and a Johnson. There's plenty of height there and experience. Things are looking up on our basketball front.

Free Ride on Sports Merry-Go-Round

Larry Boeye, ex-Newark swimmer and member of the Plattsburgh State varsity swimming team, competed in the State University Conference swimming championships held at Fredonia. Although he failed to win any events, Boeye managed to place among the top four in all three of his events. Plattsburgh finished the regular season with 10 wins and one loss. Coach Dave Robertson's five-year record is 38 wins and eight losses. Right now the feeling on campus is "Wait Until Next Year." There are no seniors on this year's team. Bill Carey, former Waterloo hoop mentor, now a member of the athletic staff at R.I.T., talked with Rick Gravano and Dick Rago after addressing the Methodist Men and high school basketballers and cheerleaders at the Methodist Church last Wednesday night. He was accompanied to Newark by Jim Robinson, the highly-publicized player on the RIT quintet; who said he goes to the gym at 6 a.m. to shoot baskets before reporting for class an hour later. Carey related the story concerning a member of his basketball team at Waterloo (he won 67 and lost 33) that brought a chuckle from his listeners. The player would always ask the coach questions during the halftime sessions in the locker room. In exasperation, Carey approached a faculty member for his advice. "Let him talk," advised the friend. "He's probably the only one listening to you." Members of Newark High's first basketball team (1903) were Olin Cornell, Leo Genthner, Harry Chapman, Fred Filkins and the late Rhea Chittenden. Bob Derks, working the Dusty League playoffs solo, called a technical on one of the players in the finals and then cautioned him: "One more word and you're out of the game." He wasn't fooling; by gosh... Lou Alvino, John Albanese's brother-in-law, has been hired by the Board of Education to teach the fifth grade at the Lincoln School and assist with varsity football... Matthew Zoschig will teach the fourth grade at the Perkins School and will also assist in the football program. He's from Bloomsburg State. Tom DeYoung of Plattsburgh will teach the sixth grade and replace Warren Neely as swimming coach. He has been an outstanding swimmer in college. He's the son of Harold DeYoung of Akron, N. Y., former Newark athletic star.

Easter Tourney Opens Monday In Center Gym

The 1968 Wayne County Easter Basketball Tournament will open Monday, March 18, in the Newark Community Center gym, according to John R. Denisk of Newark, tournament chairman.

Thirteen teams have entered the girls' division which will conclude 115 tournament on March 20 at 8 p.m.

The Newark High sextet will play the Newark Junorettes at 4 p.m. on March 18 in the ninth and tenth grade category. Sodus Point and the Clyde Blue Devils will meet at 6 p.m. The winner of the Sodus-Clyde game will meet Lyons on March 19 at 7 p.m.

The Palmyra Juniors and the Newark Junorettes will square off in the seventh and eighth grade division on March 19 at 4 p.m. with the winner meeting Sodus Point on March 20 at 4 p.m. for the championship.

Two games are scheduled on March 18 in the 11th and 12th grade division when the Palmyra Seniors will face the Newark Centerettes at 6 p.m. and Sodus Point clashing with Newark High at 7 p.m. The winner of the Palmyra-Newark game will engage the Clyde Devilettes on March 19 at 8 p.m. with the finals slated for March 20 at 8 p.m.

Forty-six teams are entered in the boys' division which launches its play on March 22.

Lyons Captures Playoff Crown In Dusty League

The Lyons Merchants defeated Mutual Benefit Life, 92 to 73, to win the playoff championship in the Industrial Basketball League in the Community Center gym.

Frank Lisco and John Brown sparked the win with 31 and 20 points, respectively. Bill Tanea threw in 35 points and Dave Marsh had 18 for the losers.

The Mutual cagers held short-lived leads in the first half until the county sealer caught fire and sailed to a 46-38 halftime advantage. Lisco, Brown, John Burch and Jim Prowlocki spurred the Lyons Club in the first half with Bob Von Hagen, Lisco and Brown carrying the attack in the final periods.

Tanea threw in seven hoops in the first half and eight in the second half. He also hit on all five shots from the free throw line. Lyons made good on six of nine free throw attempts in the first half and 16 of 18 in the last two periods. Lisco converted all eight free throw tries in the last half.

The Zappia Restaurant entry shaded General Dynamics, 70 to 67, for consolation honors. Rick VanNorman and Mary Ottnod had 19 and 18 points each for the winners with Keith Carr adding 11. Bill Bumpus 10 and Tootsie Lynn eight. Ed Percy threw in 21. Bud Nayser had 16 and Bill Spade 14 for the losers who held a 35-27 first half lead.

Lyons and the Stuarts tied for first place in the overall standings 8-2 records.

Phil World Hits 233 Tilt In 607 Set

Phil World lined a 607 series on 159, 233 and 275 games in a losing cause as Cross & Shield dropped three points to Rose City in the Mixed League.

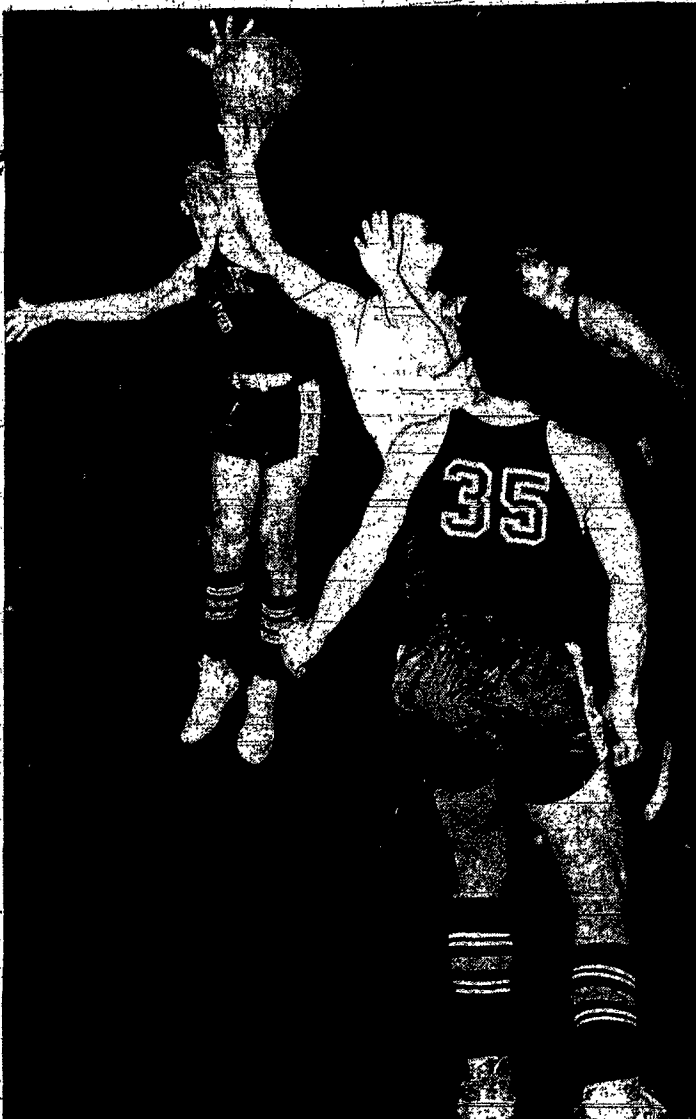
The Muscolinos took three points from the Service Centers on a 215-551 by John Schmitt and a 537 by Ed Brockhuizen, the Utica Club five won three from Schmidt and the Man's Shop copped three from Owen's Plano.

Standings: Muscolinos 82, Schmitts 67, Cross & Shield 63, Service Centers 57, Man's Shop 47, Utica Club 40, Owen Plano 30 1/2 and Rose City 31.

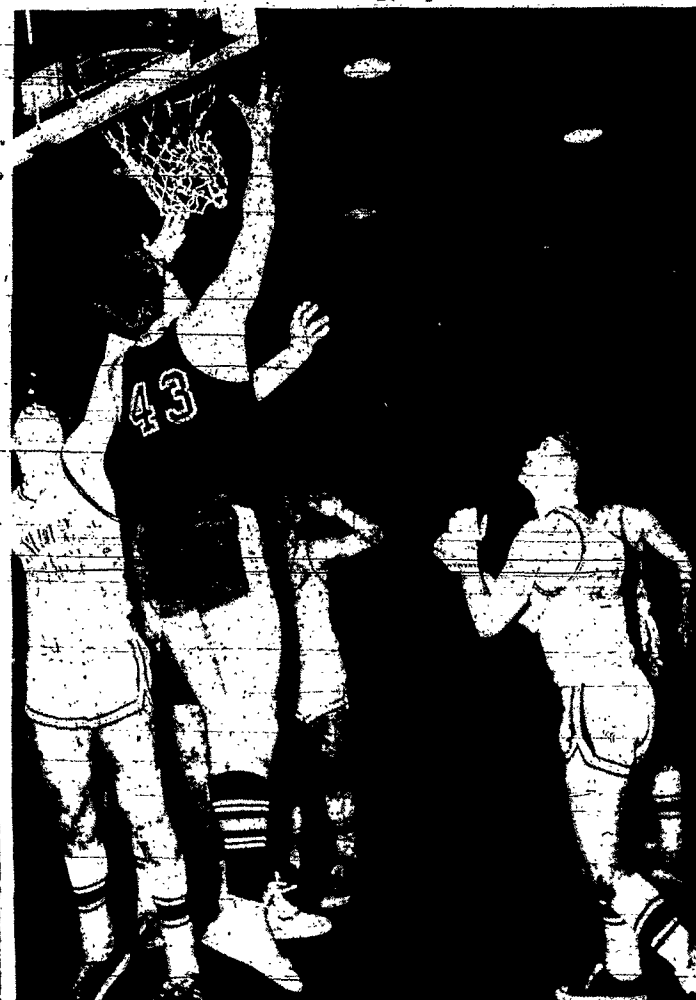
JoAnn Perry Registers 524 in Stuart Wheel

A 524 by JoAnn Perry paced Stuart Jewelers to a sweep over the Margroves in the Stuart League.

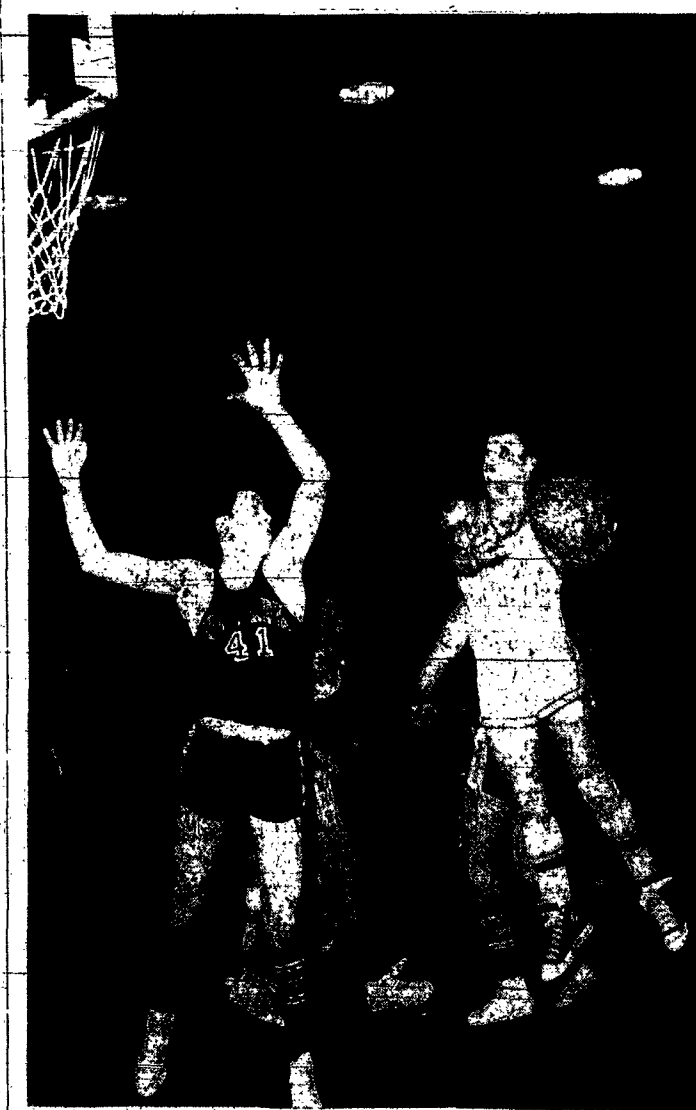
The Hi-Lo's took all four points from the Black Russians whose Naomi Oswald was high with 503. The Jewels shut out the Gems on a 514 by Marian Tyler and in the other match the Devils copped three from the Fireballs.



FINGERTIP CONTROL — Joe Puller of Lyons balances ball on fingertips as Dick Rago (5) goes up to block shot and Rick Gravano (35) looks on in first quarter action.



LAYS IT UP — John Gavin (43) pushes a ball up from underneath basket in third quarter of Newark-Lyons game while Bob Lovelless (42) and Joe Pullen (32) watch helplessly.



LYONS STAR — Jury Lake gets set to lay one up over Ralph Nash's outstretched hands in first quarter. Newark won, 60 to 52, to capture county "AA" title.

Newark Defeats Lyons, 60 to 52, For 'AA' Crown

By DAVID HANNAN (High Times Sports Writer)

With four players scoring in double figures, the Newark Reds defeated Lyons Central, 60 to 52, to clinch the Wayne County "AA" League championship before 1,000 fans in the Lyons gym Friday night.

Dick Rago paced the Reds to their 52nd berth with 17 points followed by Ralph Nash and John Gavin, a pair of juniors, with 14 points each and Rick Gravano with 13.

Jerry Lake topped all scorers with 22 points for the Lyons on his seven fielders and eight of 31 attempts from the free throw line. Ricky Wadsworth picked up 13 points for the county sealer who fell eight points short of forcing a playoff for the sectional bid.

The victory marked the second year in a row that Newark has bested Lyons for the 52nd berth.

Closing the regular season with a 9-7 record, the Reds finished directly behind Mynderse and Geneva, who shared first place honors in the Wayne Finger Lakes League with 15-1 records.

For the first six minutes of the period, the lead exchanged hands with each basket but, with the score tied at 9-9, Gavin was fouled while sinking a jump shot for Newark. By sinking the foul shot and completing the three-point play, he gave the Reds a 12-9 lead, which was increased to 15-11 by the period's close.

Lyons tied it up quickly in the second period with a pair of jump shots by Dave Fabre and Lake. Before halftime came, though, Gavin had scored six more, Rago and Nash four each, and Gravano two in giving Newark a 31-25 halftime advantage.

Rick Wadsworth opened the third period action with a jump shot. Then the Reds settled down to some serious scoring. Gravano swished a set shot from about 25 feet away and picked up two more points on a jump shot when the Lyons lost the ball. Gavin stuffed in a hook shot from under the backboard and Nash arched the ball in through the nets from the right corner with a jumper. The rally was momentarily halted to enable the Lyons' Joe Pullen to take a foul shot. Play continued as Gravano dribbled downcourt and sank another long set shot.

The Reds had stretched their 31-25 halftime lead into a 41-28 margin. It was close again by the end of the period as Lake scored three and Wadsworth four to make it 42-35.

Fourth quarter scoring was balanced until the Reds initiated another scoring spree with less than four minutes to go in the game. Gavin dropped in one of two free throws. On a jumper from the keyhole, Rago scored his 18th and 17th points of the evening. In an unusual scoring play, Nash deflected a Lyons pass and, at the same time as the Lyons' Bob VanDamme, pounced on the loose ball. Gaining control of the ball on his hands and knees at half-court, Nash pushed the ball toward Gravano. Unguarded, Gravano picked up the rolling ball, took a dribble, and scored an "easy" layup for Newark. Gavin added another layup to give the Reds a 46-point, 57-41, lead, their greatest margin of the evening.

Newark coasted the final two minutes to their 60-52 victory and championship.

Newark made good on 12 of 22 free throw tries and Lyons bit on 14 of 18 attempts.

	NEWARK			LYONS		
	G	F	T	G	F	T
Rago	8	17	17	7	17	23
Nash	5	11	11	2	2	2
Gavin	5	4	14	1	1	1
Gravano	5	3	13	3	3	3
Priebe	1	0	2	2	2	2
Langenstein	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lukas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muscolino	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	24	12	60	19	14	52
Lyons	11	11	11	11	11	11
Reds	13	16	11	18	18	18

Wayne-Lakes Conference

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Mynderse 80, Waterloo 47
Newark 60, Lyons 52
Geneva 76, DeSales 54
Penn Yan 61, Canandaigua 57

	FINAL STANDINGS			
	W	L	FF	FA
Geneva	15	1	1237	907
Mynderse	15	1	1087	889
Newark	9	7	891	887
Victor	8	8	1011	1081
Penn Yan	8	8	990	1051
Lyons	6	10	993	999
DeSales	5	11	994	1122
Waterloo	5	11	992	950
Canandaigua	1	15	898	1085

CENTER CRAFT CLASS

Seven boys and girls attended the Community Center craft class held Saturday under the supervision of Miss Mary Lou Erb, girls' supervisor. They received instruction in making napkin or letter holders.

Sportsmen's Clubs To Fight Gun Bill

The Wayne County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc. mapped a campaign in the fight against restrictive firearm legislation.

Robert L. Galusha, vice president, said several meetings were held with area legislators before drawing a conclusion opposing all present restrictive firearm bills introduced. He said Governor Rockefeller and New York area legislators desire registration of shotguns and rifles.

A registration bill has been introduced by 18 New York City legislators. Galusha said the bill would cost an estimated \$8 million to implement.

"It would make it difficult, if not impossible, for the average citizen to own firearms and would do little if anything, to curb crime," said Galusha.

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