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ARMY TAKES THREE HARD FOUGHT GAMES FROM NAVY

The Army mule and the Navy goat met again on the field of honor, the result of which was disastrous to the Navy.

First came the third class game between the two clubs, which featured the goal shooting of Bolte I of the Army. He sacked nine field goals for a total of eighteen points. Mitcham and Gordon II also played good ball for the Army.

The score of 24 to 6 does not show how close the game really was. The Navy started out fast, Ahrens slipping a pretty one through the net. The Navy held this lead for about half of the first quarter before Jack Bolte began slipping under the basket for set ups and making every shot count. Webb and Ahrens played good ball for the losers.

Then came the second class game which the Army won by a 12 to 7 score. This game was close and exciting all the way through. Both teams played a good game but the Navy was unable to stop Farris and Thamer who proved to be dangerous when let loose under the basket. Volker of the Navy was by far the outstanding player of the game. He showed great ability to advance the ball and also broke up many Army shots that looked as though they might have been turned into points. Green for the Navy and Shiperd and Harris for the Army played well and should show up well next year for first squad material.

Last came the first class game which was surely the most exciting of the series. Both teams fought hard from beginning until end and the result of the game was a mystery until the final whistle had blown. The Navy lost mainly on account of lack of ability to make their free throws. Crooks was probably the outstanding player of the game but Benson of the

Navy showed an awful lot of fight. The final score was 5 to 3.

"WE" VISITS SCHOOL

"We" in this case does not mean Lindy and his immortal plane, but to the St. John's Cadets it means Mr. Colbur and his piano. They were welcome visitors at St. John's on the evening of March 26th where Mr. Colbur gave a very interesting lecture on Music as an aid to a happier life. The lecture took place in the dining hall immediately after supper and was terminated by a demonstration of the Duo-Art reproducing piano. So realistic was the reproduction that it was utterly impossible to tell when the artist stopped and the piano took up the theme.

Tuesday evening was a real treat to the members of the Cadet Corps. In addition to the lecture and demonstration mentioned, Mrs. Markley, mother of "Jock," and who was visiting her son at the time, honored them with several vocal numbers. This program was supplemented during the dinner hour by a musical program given by several members of the Cadet Corps, including numbers by Lieurance, Thamer, Marshall and Moffat. They were under the direction of Capt. Shideler, who presided over the piano. Mrs. Du Domaine played the accompaniment during Mrs. Markley's numbers.

Thanks are due to Mr. Frank Parker, of Jenkins music store, who made the program possible by loaning the piano.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The results of the Kansas Wesleyan Invitation Tournament were as follows:

Class "A"—First, Salina; Second, Abilene.

Class "B"—First, Brookville; Second, Marquette.

Class "C"—First, Inman Jrs.; Second, Concordia.

CLASS "C" GAMES

The last game of the class "C" juniors was held at the Memorial Hall the night of the 10th of March at 6:45. The game was a one sided affair with the Inman Juniors much larger than the Concordia five. The game was full of fouls and one sided, playing with one or two men on each side the stars of the game. The Concordia boys were much too small to be playing their opponents and although they fought with all the vigor and spirit of the other team they were badly beaten by a large score. The teams received much applause from the stands and their game was well received by the public as a whole.

COMPETITIVE DRILL

During the drill period on Monday, March 19th, a competitive drill was held between the various platoons of the Battalion. Col. Perkins acted as Judge, and the movements through which the men were put by their platoon leaders were very closely watched by the rest of the Cadet Corps. When it was all over, the first platoon of "A" Company was announced the winner, with a total of 8.6 points. The second platoon of "A" company was next in rank, with a total of 7.9 points. The first platoon of Co. "B" came third with 6. points. The movements which each platoon went through were Right and Left by Squads, Squads Right and Left, Right and Left Front into Line, On Right and Left into Line, Take Distance, and Left and Right Turn. This drill awakened quite a bit of dormant platoon spirit and rivalry, and the Cadets tried their hardest to help their platoon win.

If someone had taught Mitchell how to spell "Abilene" years ago, this issue of the Skirmisher would have been out just seven minutes and three seconds earlier.

CLASS "B" GAMES

Leaving the first elimination out we shall pass to the second, because of lack of space and because the games ran almost the same.

The first game of the third round was between Inman and Kipp at 8:45 in the morning. Inman took the lead early in the first quarter and by taking advantage of every break they had gained a lead of 14 to 8 at the half. Both teams looked very tired and sleepy. Starting with the whistle Kipp came back fast bringing Inman's lead down to two points in less than two minutes of play, making the score 12 to 14. Inman again took the offensive with a rally and the third quarter ended 21 to 12 for Inman. Kipp awakened in the third quarter but were unable to overcome their opponents lead. Game ended 23 to 18 in Inman's favor.

The second game which was between St. John's and Brookville will be found in full on another page of this issue.

The third game was between Bavaria and Falun at three-fifteen P. M.

The game started fast with both teams evenly matched. Falun did most of the shooting but the first quarter ended six to six. Falun missed a number of set-ups and many fouls were called as both teams were fighting hard for the lead. The half ended with a score of six to eight in favor of Bavaria. Both teams virtually slept on the floor during the third quarter and until just a few minutes were left of the fourth, then they snapped out of it and traded baskets, with both teams fighting hard till the end of the game. The game ended with a score of fifteen to twelve for Falun.

The fourth game was between Marquette and Glendale. The four man defense of Marquette triumphed over Glendale's man for man game in a hard fought battle although neither team had the game cinched at any time. The Marquette team seemed to be in slightly better shape than their opponents and they had a very slight edge on the game. The scores by quarters were: First quarter 6 to 2,

Second quarter 15 to 8, Third quarter 18 to 12, Fourth quarter 24 to 18 in favor of Marquette.

ST. JOHN'S IS DEFEATED BY BROOKVILLE IN THIRD ROUND OF TOURNAMENT

The Brookville-St. John's game was called at 9:30 P. M. on the morning of March 10th, and both teams received a thunderous greeting as they came on the floor. The Cadets were in their usual bright Orange and Black Colors, while Brookville was garbed in red and white.

The opening whistle sounded and the game was fast and furious from then on. Brookville scored the first goal, but the Cadets evened the score within a few minutes. In the play, all during the first quarter, the Cadets had the edge on their opponents, but were unable to make their shots good, missing several veritable set-ups. The boys wearing the Orange and Black seemed to develop some bad cases of "Rim-eye" and missed a number of shots by the faintest margin.

The game was rough, and there were several personal fouls called on both sides. Our first point was scored on a free throw, and Jeannin

scored a field goal and another free throw to tie the score 4-4.

A running game was played during the rest of the half, neither side scoring again. The second half started with both teams seemingly awakened and fighting hard. Brookville gained the advantage, apparently inspired by scoring a field goal on a long shot from just left of center. They opened up with a well executed attack, and their teamwork was so good that the Cadets were unable to break it up. The third quarter ended 8-4, in Brookville's favor, with the Cadets fighting hard but slowly falling to the rear.

The game was slow in the last quarter, with Brookville scoring several times more. The Cadets called time out when the score reached 13-4, but Brookville played a stalling game to the finish, letting go of the ball only once, the Cadets scoring on a beautiful rush by Holmes. Brookville scored twice more, and the game ended 17-6 in their favor.

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1928 == Basketball Honor Roll == 1928

"Sack" alias "Pete" Holmes finished his fourth season on the basketball team very creditably. As an all-around man on the basketball floor Pete just can't be outclassed. Any way you look at it, Pete's name must head this list. This is his last year, and we certainly hate to see him go. Pete served as Captain both in '27 and '28 and we are certain that no one could have filled the position to better advantage.

"Ski" Prather went out for center, and he got it too! Along about Tournament time he was known as the "foulest" man in the League. Maybe the size of his feet had something to do with this—they say it took two truck tires and a sail to make him a pair of basketball shoes. We can't see how he got such altitude at center, having to drag them up with him every time he jumped. Fouls or no fouls, though, feet or no feet, we are proud of him and he may well be proud of his own record.

"Jock" Markley was his usual old tight self when it came to allowing the opposing team to make baskets. This is the Scotchman's second year on St. John's teams and he has an unblemished record. Scotty will be back with us again next year, and after that hard summer of work (?) which he is contemplating, he should be better than ever.

"Grump" Mitchell covered the floor at surprising speed on those long legs of his. Grump played a good all-around game all through the season and we are proud of him. Although Mitch kept one eye on the stands, (perhaps he was wondering if the Marymount girls were in attendance) it didn't interfere any with his goal shooting. He is another man who

will be back next year. We have great hopes for that 1929 Team.

"Trinapop" "Dead-eye" Jeannin, although the smallest member of the regulars, developed an almost uncanny skill in dropping the old pill through the basket. He fought hard and fast in every game, and it can be easily said that he was indispensable to the team.

"Knob" Caldwell, with his wiryness and his agility tore around the floor at a surprising rate of speed for his size and proved a very good man. Although "Deg" is small, he has the old fight and pep which more than makes up for it. He will also be with us next year and we want to see him fill a position on that next year's team.

"Dance" Ripley (not dense) played a good game in Ski's place at center, and although he has been living on milk alone for some time, showed remarkable endurance and fight. He should be in great shape for next year.

"Beak" Bivens showed plenty fight and battle every time that he got on the floor and that red head of his might almost be taken for the spheroid itself. Bivens is one man who is going to make someone fight hard next year to keep him off the team.

"BOOTS" Crooks did quite a good deal of beautiful goal-shooting between halves and deserves mention here for his faithful attendance to practice. We know that he thinks that it is a shame that they won't allow him to wear his boots on the floor or even at the sub-bench.

"STONEY" Morse is another battler who deserves credit. This is his first year at St. John's and we have great hopes for him in the seasons to

come, both in football and basketball. Stoney will put up a real fight for the honor of wearing the orange and black next year.

"Mrs. Crooks," otherwise known as John Frisbie, spent most of his time on the sub bench, but his faithful attendance to practice earns him mention here. Frisbie's dead-eye tendencies (shown between halves) were almost equal to her loving husband's.

"Bashful Joe" Coyle is another man whose long lanky form was daily seen at practice. Joe needs some awakening inspiration—perhaps if some nice girl falls in love with him, he will make a place on that 1929 team.

"Pee-Wee" Johnson. This little fellow had a terrible time whenever he went out to practice—he is so awfully small that all the fellows picked on him and held him down. They just would not let him alone. We suspect, however, that the real reason that he didn't make the team was that none of the referees could toss the ball high enough.

"Big Bill" Brown was another faithful attendant at practice. Perhaps the fact that he comes from Denver has something to do with this. Anyway, Bill will be one of those contending for Pete Holmes' place next year.

"Ramona" Green, last but not least (except in size) was as regular at practice as the coach. A little more beef on his bones during the coming summer and Ray will be hard to beat.

"Abie" Morrow was the manager and he managed to manage to manage to manage his managing very well. After all that managing, we can manage to say that Abie managed to be a very good manager indeed.

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BRIGHT BARRACK BLABBINGS

By Verne Johnson

"Basketball." A funny game; isn't it? If one had never seen a basketball his impression from the word would be a receptacle of some kind. (Let him play in a game and he'll think he is the receptacle.) Anyway, the idea is to put the ball through a bottomless basket. Funnier yet, isn't it? Why a bottomless basket? So that it will never get full. How do they know who wins if it never gets full? They count them. Count what? Oh go on and ask Coach about it.

"Bang" went the gun that ended the half and "Scotty" Markley, who was dribbling the ball down the floor, gave a big leap, landing on his knees, holding his head with his hands, and wondering why the lights didn't go out. The crowd roared but only the Cadets knew that it was one of "Scotty's" instincts to try to find shelter whenever he heard a gun. That shot made Markley homesick as he is from the wild and wooly western state of Wyoming; where Men are Men; Women are Governors and Canaries sing bass.

Guess what Instructors said the following famous words:

Pipe Down!

Allright Men!

I know it!

Everybody Attention!

Where are you going?

I haven't the authority!

You. Bird Seed!

's yer old neck!

What characteristic?

After you have guessed and writ-

ten them down, send your guesses to us and we will send you a copy of our new book showing how to make \$10.00 a day during your spare time. (please send ten cents postage) Heh! Heh!

The Tallchief boys certainly did set a style for short haircuts. Even "Abe" Morrow, with his long, curly, raven locks had the barber hack them off. Every one of the Basketball team had one of those "Athletic Shingles." It looked as though they were afraid of having it pulled by someone. Maybe it was because John Gilbert had his locks shorn short when he played with Greta Garbo.

There was a big rush on olive oil, face cream, hand lotion, cocoa butter, etc., after the work holiday last Friday. Old "Sol" surely did beat down on the bare shoulders of the Cadets. Capt. John started the day impersonating a gipsy, but at the end of the day the lil' sunbeams had made him look more like the proverbial redskin. The expression "Offa my back" became more common than "Hey! Hey! Whoa!"

All of the "Paavo Nurmis" and "Charlie Paddocks" have turned out for the 1928 Track season. Sore feet and cramped and stiff muscles were the results of the first few days, but now, the Coach has trimmed them up and it looks as St. John's was going to send some a few record breakers to the coming meets. Capt. McLean has asserted that he could use more material and urges all Cadets to go out and run a few laps around the track each and every day.

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GLEE CLUB GIVES PROGRAM AT WESLEYAN CHAPEL

On the morning of March the 16th the school was dismissed for an hour while the Glee Club and a few members of the Orchestra put on a program at the morning assembly of the Kansas Wesleyan University.

The program was received very well and there were many encores demanded of the Cadets who did individual numbers.

The program was as follows:

"Side by Side."—Glee Club.

"Sweetheart of Sigma Chi."—Glee Club.

Tired Hands."—James Marshall.

"Sweet and Low."—Marshall and Moffatt.

"Blossom Time."—Cadet Russell Lieurance.

"Kashmiri King."—Moffatt.

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BASKETBALL SEASON CLOSES

The 1927-28 basketball season ended finding the Cadet's quintet not over victorious but with a load full of experience. The team throughout the season played a good, steady game of basketball against every team but they were unable to pile up the needed points. With the aid of a real "dead-eye" basket shooter on the squad they would have been able to win over the best teams in the league. In spite of this handicap the Cadets took several defeats with a smile and displayed the biggest point of any game, that of good sportsmanship.

Christmas vacation broke up training for three weeks and also stopped training rules for a period, dealing a setback which took almost a month to overcome. Several of the members of the squad returned a few days early in order to condition themselves and also to play a few practice games with neighboring teams.

Following this rushed season of practice the Cadets took three defeats from the strongest teams in the League; Salina, Jan. 14; Abilene, Jan. 20; McPherson, Jan. 21. McPherson later won the League championship and both Salina and Abilene were their strongest contenders. The St. John's quintet stiffened and on the following Thursday and Friday, they defeated Chapman (25-20) and Culver (41-14). Return games with Abilene, McPherson and Salina resulted in defeats for the Cadets. In these games Coach McLean's team showed great improvement and played a clever defense but they lacked the punch to score the winning goals. Sacred Heart was an easy victim for St. John's (24-14.) A hard fought game was lost to Herington. The next night the Black and Orange gang romped on Bennington (32-12.) The following week they won a return game from Chapman (25-21) and lost a return game to Herington (29-25.) Games with Lindsborg, Ellsworth, and Lincoln resulted in defeats.

Several stars were developed during the season. Pete Holmes, Captain of the team, led them through defeat and victory with a wonderful spirit. Pete will not be back next year but we know that he will make a place for himself wherever he attends College. Holmes has made four letters in basketball and his place will be hard to fill. He was also high

point man this season. Otis Jeannin, a close second for the honors of high point man, developed into a flashy forward. Two badly skinned knees, received the day before the game with Chapman, failed to halt him and he played a wonderful game, scoring most of the goals. We expect great things of Jeannin next year. "Scot" Markley made a good "all-around" player and was tight when it came to letting the opponents having goals. He put "English" on the ball and could make baskets with his eyes shut but he didn't try it enough. Markley should represent the Orange and Black team in great form next year. Big "Ski" Prather, center, could out jump them all. He played a good, steady game and was always good for several goals. Dale has another year for the Cadets and we expect big things from him in a big way. "Grump" Mitchell could dribble, pass, defend, and make hard shots but some kind of a jinx always made the easy shots roll around the hoop and then fall out. Dick worked hard and was consistent in taking the ball thru, thus enabling his team-mates to have a good shot. Mitchell will also be back next year and when he finds the basket we warn all opponents to beware. Ripley, Bivens, and Caldwell made up the reserve material and

gave their best whenever the time came. With this year's experience they should be the mainstays of next year's team as they will all be back again.

In summing up the entire season the Cadets have benefited greatly by experience, team work, and good sportsmanship. They have won several games and lost several but they have gained experience and will lose only one man through graduation. These things plus hard work should turn out a winning team for Old St. John's next year.

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DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HELD

The District basketball tournament, sponsored by the Kansas Wesleyan University and The Salina Chamber of Commerce, was held March 8, 9 and 10th at Memorial Hall.

This tournament was conducted according to the regulations of the Kansas High School Athletic Association. There were six trophies awarded, a first and second in each of the three classes. While the tournament was in progress the trophies were on display: Class "A" trophies at the Puritan Restaurant, class "B" at the Jayhawker Sporting Goods Store, class "C" at the Carlson's Sport and News Stand.

The play-offs progressed without a hitch, each game being called a little ahead of the scheduled time. Game after game was run off with inconceivable rapidity, with eight minute quarters and six minutes between halves. The attending crowd grew larger and larger as the finals drew near, and on the night of March 10th the auditorium was packed to the limit. The class "C" final was called at six-forty-five with Inman and Concordia facing each other on the floor. At seven-thirty the class "B" final was played: Brookville vs. Marquette. At eight-thirty Salina met their ancient rivals in the finals of class "A." Abilene vs. Salina.

A general resume of the tournament as seen from the side lines follows:

The first game of the class "A" tournament was held between Salina and Minneapolis at four-fifteen in the afternoon of the ninth. It was a very slow game with both teams trying very hard to keep their opponents from scoring but the capable Salina five ran through the Minneapolis team for a 49 to 11 victory.

The second game of the class "A" was held between Abilene and Concordia. The game was fairly fast with the Abilene team winning an easy victory with no real merit to either team.

The third game was played at eight-forty-five P. M., between Ellsworth and Clay Center. The game was very fast and rough with both sides fighting hard although Ellsworth had the edge on Clay Center during most of the game. Clay Center started a rally after the first half which was at last checked by the Ells-

worth team but not until their opponents had made quite a number of baskets. Clay Center tried desperately to score near the end with some beautiful long shots, but were unable to regain the long lead which had been run up on them. The final whistle blew with the score 23 to 19 in Ellsworth's favor.

The fourth game was played between Lincoln and Chapman. The first quarter was a very fast game with Lincoln having the edge on all the plays and having the ball in their possession nearly all the time. Chapman is forced to shoot from the center all the time but fail to net any baskets. The half ends with Lincoln leading 11 to 3. The second half was very slow with neither team doing very much good. Both teams missing a lot of set-ups.

Both Lincoln and Chapman were tired in the last half. The final score was 18 to 8 in favor of Lincoln.

The fifth game was played between Junction City and Salina. Both teams played a very fast game and a good game but the breaks were for Salina. The half ended with Salina leading a score of 19 to 4. The Salina team made most of their goals through the center which disheartened the Junction City five. The final score was 38 to 11 in favor of Salina.

The sixth game was between Abilene and Ellsworth. It was a very fast game with both teams trying hard to score on long and short shots. Each team divided points till the last half when Abilene takes the lead 22 to 14 when the final whistle blows.

The seventh game was played between Lincoln and Salina. It was a

very fast and rough game with Lincoln trying hard to get the lead. Both teams were very much winded at the half. Several good plays and individual starrng was seen on both teams. Salina won by a good margin.

The eighth game was between the two old rivals Abilene and Salina. The game was very good from start to finish with Abilene playing a good game but being a bit outclassed by the larger Salina team. Salina ran away with the game after the second half and won over their opponents by a large score.

Salina won the first prize and Abilene won the second prize.

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Ahrens, Navy, forward.

Bolte I, Army, center.

Mitcham, Army, guard.

Gordon II, Army, guard.

Second Class.

Shiperd, Army, forward.

Green, Navy, forward.

Thamer, Army, center.

Volker, Navy, guard.

Farris, Army, guard.

First Class.

King, Army, forward.

Crooks, Army, forward.

Johnson V., Navy, center.

Benson, Navy, guard.

Stanley, Navy, guard.

In the third class Webb gets his place on the Army-Navy team by his ability to dribble. Although he was smaller than his team-mates he showed a lot of fight and made up for his size in speed.

Ahrens played nice ball all the time and didn't stop fighting from beginning to end. This gives him his place on the team.

Bolte I won his place on the team by being a "dead eye." He made 18 points in one game, being the high point man of the series.

Mitcham and Gordon II both of the Army showed splendid team work throughout the game thus cinching for themselves the two guard berths on the third class team.

In the second class there was a lot of competition for the all-star team and it was picked with much difficulty.

Shiperd is a dependable forward; he has the ability to both hit the basket and handle the ball. If Shiperd could only grow a little he would have a place waiting for him on the first team in years to come. Green is a clever player and is the Navy's most dependable forward in this class. Ray is only a freshman and should make

a great player in the next three years. Thamer gets the center berth because of the fight that he put in the game. He was the nucleus of the Army team and if it hadn't been for him the result might have been different. Volker was the outstanding player of the game. He would take the ball down the floor time and again. Volker has four years of high school basketball ahead of him. One thing certain is that we all hope that he spends them at St. John's. Farris is a good guard; he also has a good scoring ability. He can handle the ball and has a future ahead of him.

The first class team is perhaps the hardest to pick because every one has a certain amount of experience that the other men haven't. As the men who took part in this game are the men who gave the first team competition throughout the season and made it what it is.

King has an eye for the basket and can handle the ball. He played hard and did a lot toward winning the game for the Army. Crooks was the outstanding player of the game. This is his first and last year of high school basketball. It is too bad that he didn't start out in earlier years as he has lots of basketball ability. Johnson V., the biggest boy in school, is a good center and a "dead eye" when under the basket but where he shows up most is on the defense. Benson and Stanley the two Navy guards could work the ball through the Army's front line but they were unable to get the ball to their forwards.

Mrs. Markley, mother of Jack Markley, visited him at the school for a few days.

The next number on our program will be a little ditty by Bill Gordon, entitled "Why did I kiss that girl."

CHAPLAIN AND WIFE PRESENTED WITH READING LAMP

Chaplain and Mrs. Du Domaine were presented with a reading lamp on Sunday, March 25th., a gift from the Cadet Corps. Captain Crooks was spokesman in behalf of the Cadets, and the lamp, which now graces their quarters, was presented immediately after dinner, in the dining hall.

JOKES

Crooks—"You look like a sensible girl. Let's get married."

Girl Friend—"Nothing doing. I'm just as sensible as I look."—Ex.

"You say you saw a human head floating down the river?"

"Yah, and it was singing."

"What was it singing?"

"I ain't got no body."—Ex.

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