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ONE WAY STRETCH! Kretzer, Erwin and Stasiulatis grapple for rebound.

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Confucius say:
He who use stick, have no noodle.



Double date—Friday, WOW.

WOW!

Come one! Come all! Feed the Whale! Have a ball! Give a twirl! Bring a girl! Ride the skates! Make some dates!

Friday, February 7, will witness the annual "Whale on Wheels". Yes, once again it is time to take the skates out of the attic and oil them. You better get everything ready because there isn't much time left.

The purpose of this annual event is two-fold. The first is to provide "eat money" for the wise old Whale. The profits will go to a good cause; you can be sure of that. After all, the Staff can't starve forever. The second purpose is to build up the Valentine mail bag. Confidentially, it is a pretty good way to get yourself a date for Valentine's day.

You don't have a date? Well, don't let it worry you. The word and tickets have been passed around the academies. That will bring forth enough female rolling stock.

You're not a gliding glory yet? You're a skidding skater? Well, we can't give you much help there, but at least you can be assured that you won't be alone in that department. After all, life is filled with little ups and downs—and big ones, too. Consider Mr. Kennedy's case. More of him

every year comes to the rink to roll. If he can keep going around in circles, can't you?

What more can you ask for? From 3 to 6 P. M., you will have girls to skate with and organ music to skate to. The tickets are only 75 cents (inflation, you know); and can be purchased at the cafeteria or at the PETROC Office itself during recess. If you don't have shoe skates, you can rent them for a quarter at the rink.

The site of this small ball is the Boulevard Skating Rink in Bayonne. You are fortunate, for this brings in the possibility of a double date. Holy Family Academy is presenting their school play "Oklahoma" that same evening. So first to the "Whale on Wheels", then to "Oklahoma".

Social Note

In preparation for the Valentine mood, the track team ran a dance on January 25. The hoppers moved to Father Murray's canned music. The proceeds of this social will naturally be consumed by the track team for equipment, etc.

On Saturday, February 8, the annual Hardwood Hop will be held in honor of the basketball team. So far its season is not too bad, but then again it is not the best we had. But that won't put a damper on the Hardwood Hop. The fast and furious notes will be put forth by the new Velvetones—complete with new uniforms. Don't worry. There will be plenty of slow music too. The tickets for this social affair will be \$2.50. The space is limited. But don't miss it. It will be a corker!

Cover Story. Tsao, Gronda and Contreras start on spaghetti served up by Mamma Petrozzi at the Piazza del Courthouse. Two staff members, out of photo, wait hungrily.

ON STAGE

Prep has gone Hollywood once more. The props are being painted, the spot-lights are being flooded the stage, the tryouts are being planned, the director has been hired. On March 27 and 28 at 8:15 P.M., the trying efforts will meet the test. A new show and a new acting director will top the bill. This year's production is a change of pace play: "The Caine Mutiny". The director? Mr. Charles White.

Mr. White first got the idea of acting while he was in the Army. Acting, he thought, is a natural talent, and, to the amazement of many, is physical hard work. It only harvests under repetition. These thoughts held prominent sway throughout his college career, and upon graduating, he went to a neighborhood playhouse. A good school of drama chooses a meager ten percent of its applicants; Charles White was selected. According to his theory, a school of acting teaches technique, and offers one and only one asset, encouragement. Acting life is tough, unpredictable, and a little encouragement goes a long way. So with plenty of practice and even more talent, the director steps onto the stage to act.

Mr. White's first big break came with



The acting Director . . .

television back in 1947. This "start", as most actors label it, is the making or breaking point in a career on the stage. Television was his start, and even though he was one of the first, TV is still Mr. White's bread and butter winner. He began on Dumont's "Magic Cottage", and sailed through five years 'till the program left the air waves. Since then his talent has graced Robert Montgomery's show; Studio One has felt the impact of his technique; the General Electric Theater and many other spectacles all around the dial have seen his talent.

But acting, live-acting, doesn't stop in the vacuum of a glass cage; TV is not the answer. The stage will always pose the test of ability. Drama is the master of the stage, and of all the great dramatists, Shakespeare is Mr. White's favorite. Of all his numerous roles, the master of English drama has provided Mr. White with the greatest enjoyment of his acting career.

Enjoyment is a word which goes hand in hand with encouragement in the life of an actor. You really have to enjoy your work, but there is the work to be done. It's not a glamorous life, that of an actor, it's a life of chance and change.



The Director acting . . .

BOURGEOIS ORDER OF THE WISE OLD WHALE



BOWOWS: John Petro, William Conners, Anthony Bianciella, Joseph Donnelly.

BOWOWS

"To thine own self be true," the poet once said. If so, then the truest men at Prep are the Middlemen. Compare the problem: When the good strive for perfection they automatically become the best. They are no longer true to themselves, they are not the good any more, but the best. The same may be said of the bad, for when they reach the lowest grade, they are no longer bad, but worse. Just as water seeks its own level, so too does the middleman seek his mean: complete middlelessness. Only the middlemen are entirely true to themselves. For when they reach the fullness of mediocrity, they are truest to themselves; they are the middle-most-men.

This year the ancient and honorable feather of the Bourgeois Order of the Wise Old Whale (BOWOW) goes to the four Prepsters who have done their moderate most to be worthy of the honor. The feather obviously must be worn only in the middle of their hat band, if they desire to retain it.

The Wise Whale splashed his middle fin for the following middle-most-men in Prep: John Petro, 1F, who was born grasping his nose which is clearly in the middle of his face; William Conners 2C, who always plops down in the middle of the jugroom in the middle of the afternoon; Anthony Bianciella 3H, who has the Big Middle for the award; and Joseph Donnelly 4A, who

hopes to get married in the middle of the aisle to a girl in her middle-forties.

The Mediocre Middleman is Anthony Bianciella, who became middle guard on the Prep defensive line during the middle of the season. Tony, to show his devotion to the mean, even parts his hair in the middle! Moderately behind Bianciella stands Frosh Petro who enjoys a midnight snack after pounding the midnight oil. Joe Donnelly and Will Conners are often seen in the midst of a free-for-all. These men have striven to the upmost (moderately, of course) to attain golden mediocrity. Don't think this is not a worthwhile achievement, for how can you have a doughnut without a hole in the middle? How can you have a class standing without a middleman standee?

In case you are wondering how we arrive at the middle-most-men of the year, the process is simple. The Wise Whale just takes the total of student rank and divides by two to find the number of the middleman. May these middlemen wear their feather proudly, and always retain their mediocrity. Though their feather may be blown away and lost in the sands of time, they will keep their tradition, never wandering from one extreme to another, but always sticking to the middle. They will never have a nervous breakdown, since they will not suffer the pains of extremists.

Mountain Climbing

As our four years at Prep draw to a close, we pause in the rapid race of the world to reflect. Each senior will silently climb the mountain to find "fellowship with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." But we cannot have fellowship with God if we walk in the darkness. As St. John tells us: God is light; God is truth. Christ is the burning light that will cleanse our souls. He is the true model for every man's life. Such being the case, we must take time out to reflect on the Truth if we want to pattern our lives on His. To do this we must go apart from the world.

The mountain is called Scunneymunk. It holds Gonzaga Retreat House. Come next week and it will be filled with meditating seniors. Perhaps some will find an insight they have never experienced before; an approach to the world that lies ahead. This retreat is a preparation; a light shining through the darkness. St. John also tells us: "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God in him." To love is to give oneself; to love perfectly, as God loves us, is to give oneself completely. But we all have certain tendencies to hold back when it comes to sacrifice for Christ. Up there on the mountain one is apart from the world and its pleasures. It becomes easier to approach the Light and eliminate our imperfections.

Many will return refreshed and greatly benefited. Some will see their vocation in clearer light. All will realize that this has been a momentous milestone in their lives. Of course each senior will reap as much as he puts into his individual retreat. One climbs the mountain alone and in silence.

The first array of Prepsters will board the bus on February 10, the 4D contingent. And on Thursday, 4F takes over. 4A has Monday through Thursday of the week of February 17. The remainder through Sunday belongs to 4E. 4B and 4C finish up the final week of the 14th.

ALUMNI DINNER

On Sunday, January 26, 300 Prep alumni gathered at the Essex House in Newark to pay tribute to two very distinguished men of their number.

The first and elder of these is the Most Reverend Martin W. Stanton, Class of '15, Titular Bishop of Citium, Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Newark. During his talk, his Excellency made mention of the fact that his Prep ring was to be the sign of his office.

The other guest of honor was the Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, Titular Bishop of Bisica, Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Newark. The Bishop discussed the many steps which led to his becoming a priest, and renewed the great influence his training at the Prep had on his decision.

Reverend Cornelius J. Carr, S.J., opened the proceedings by leading the assembly in the "Grace Before Meals". As the evening progressed, the spirit of the diners became greater and greater as they indulged heartily in the mouth-watering dishes from an all-satisfying menu. To the tune of "It Is Our Pride and Our Glory", both the speakers and those in the audience reminisced, with tear filled eyes, about the "days of long ago".

William J. Timney, Class of '17, the principal speaker of the affair, stressed the need for the Prep alumni to help their fellow graduates. Assistance for the young men graduating from the Prep was stressed as they wend their way in the professions, in politics, in business, and throughout their lives.

Music for the evening was supplied by none other than Mr. William J. McGowan, S.J., the dauntless director of the Prep Band. Mister McGowan's playing was greatly appreciated by the whole assembly.

The laurels for the fine organization of the affair must, of course, go to the chairman, James J. Donnelly, Class of '26. Another figure who held the dinner together was Fr. Meagher, S.J.

U. N. and Us

Four members of the Prep debating society under the auspices of Mr. Pugliese took a jaunt to the U.N. on Saturday, January 18. After roaming through the mysterious caverns of the New York subway system, the quintet arrived at that glass breaker's paradise, which, according to Ron Sarno, is but a stone's throw from the News Building ("for a hefty pitcher"; observed Mr. Pugliese, S.J.)

The members decided to start at the bottom and work their way up after they were expelled from a committee because they didn't belong to the Fairlawn Women's Club which was then using the room. After buying a mound of books in the basement bookstore on such subjects as: "A U.N. Report On Cattle Diseases in Mozambique" for a coming discussion in a local Republican club, they mounted the stairs for the tour.

As was most fitting (the Greeks outnumbered the barbarians three to one), they received a fair representative of fair Hellas for a guide. While roaming through the myriad corridors, each member deported himself according to his own character. Frank Ciesla kept quiet and took notes on a brown pad, Douglas Buffington persisted in asking questions that required a technical vocabulary beyond the range of their Grecian guide. Mr. Pugliese watched the money, Ron Sarno watched Mr. Pugliese, and Chris Lane watched the guide (for good reason!).

After this they adjourned to the snack bar to partake of the culinary arts of many nations (considering the price of the cheeseburgers, they made good use of their activity fee).

The fivesome then tried to burst into the committee room, and this time with success. However they began to ask themselves if it was worth it, for they found themselves in a lecture given by a woman with an English accent.



Papal People. Robert Rezzonico, 4D's pride of the Italian clan, has just discovered that he is a distant cousin of Pope Clement XIII, who was Cardinal Rezzonico. Bob's father came from the Lake Como district in northern Italy, a section to which Cardinal Rezzonico brought fame when he became Pope in the 1700's.

Pope Clement XIII is known for his famous decree that liquidated the Jesuits. However, Bob has not had a hard three and a half years here. He is a good honor student and has kept his mouth shut. Sometimes, though, he mutters, "If we did it once, we can do it again."

The Horsey Set

Fr. Carr, S.J., Principal and moderator of the newly formed Riding Club, recently announced that 20 members of the club had passed two-thirds of their riding exams and won certificates, proclaiming that they can successfully control a horse. They are: Michael Barber, James Beggans, Robert Campion, John Fahy, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Joseph Ford, Eugene Calvin, Patrick Kleid, Thomas Lacey, Richard Lang, Kenneth McClave, Thomas McFeeley, John McWilliams, John Mauer, John Petro, Arthur Schute, Joseph Sloboda, George Steciuk, Thomas Tebbens, and Robert Tenewitz.

Excavation

Prepsters are puzzled! For weeks the hordes have found the way to the thermatorium blocked by the bulky equipment of the Libmann Construction Company. Inspired by the sight of an excavation, the lurching sidewalk superintendents immediately advanced countless ingenious, extensive, and elaborate explanations of the method of reconstruction; but all proved erroneous. So to settle the issue, the Prep Whale called his noted engineering expert who—after several conferences with the foreman, and a number of midnight forays to the scene of operation—dug up this solution.

At one time all of lower Jersey City was marsh and swamp lands traversed by small rivers and streams, such as the one that once trickled down York Street. The present land first appeared when the City Fathers dumped tons of rocks, backfill, and garbage which mixed with the water to produce a soggy, sucking, sloppy, slimy sort of sediment known as bull-liver.

In order to build a church on this fragrant concoction, heavy wood piles were driven into the mud and then 12 by 12 timbers were bolted to the top of the piles to form a sub-foundation for the basement of the building. But since then some of these piles either slipped away, rotted away, or have been devoured by the determined activity of countless ravenous worms, causing the walls of the building to settle.

The immediate phase of the repair job is a preliminary investigation. To determine the exact cause the engineers sank a large shaft under the foundation to the depth of the wood sub-foundation. During the entire operation a pump had to be constantly employed to prevent the pit from filling with water and subjecting the men working at the bottom to an unpleasant experience. Then the engineers sawed away a portion of one of the large timbers at the point where it crossed a piling. In its

place they inserted a heavy duty jack faced with a section of steel girder. By raising the jack they hope to drive down this pile to learn if it rests on rocks.

Science Sphere

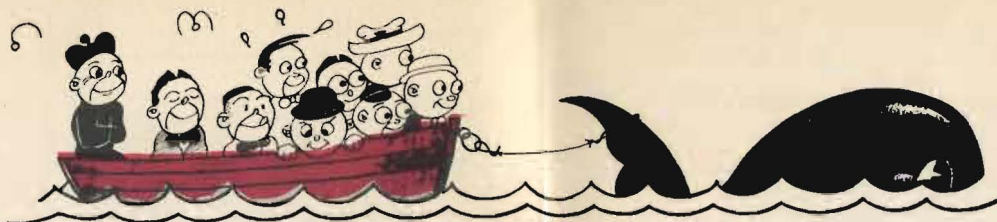
More emphasis on science seems to be the cry of every politician and educator in the Free World, since Russia's startling achievements. Thus, Prep hops on the bandwagon with its contribution to scientific advancement.

"Physics are essential to every man's well-being." With these words Mr. John Marzolf, S.J., announced the creation of two new Prep activities. To keep in step with the scientific trend of the day, the Physics Club and Physics Academy will encourage and develop interests in the broad fields of science.

Anyone with an interest in physics or chemistry may join the Physics Club. The group will meet two or three times a month. Representatives of various firms, such as Bell Telephone, General Electric and Westinghouse, will lecture. Movies will present the main output of the club's activity. In addition, tours will be conducted through local plants and research laboratories.

The Physics Academy will be open to the "better students", who thirst for the refreshment of physics. Members of this group will assemble several times a month and occasionally on Saturday. These studious pursuers of science will be expected to venture deep into scientific study and to take advantage of all available literature. They will have the opportunity to experiment on their own projects and to do some thinking of their own. Nuclear Physics, Electronics and Jet and Rocket Research will be among the subjects of concern.

In response to a nun's space mouse, the club will contribute the "Moose" to the Age of Science. Soon you will hear the "echoing Moose", bellowing heartily as he breaks forth into space. Looks like the Moose horns in on everything!



PRIDE AND GLORY



Today the Whale raises its blubbery body from the depths to salute "Richie" Gavin, the winner of this issue's P&G award.

Before coming to Prep, Rich attended St. Thomas the Apostle Grammar School in Bloomfield. During his stay at Prep, he has been a leader both in and out of class. An outstanding student in the Science Course, "Rich" sports three honor pins.

Afternoons find him counting patrons for Mr. Dwyer in the Petrean office. In addition to working on the Y-Book, he also finds time to instruct the parish altar boys in a Sodality-sponsored project. "Rich" is also a member of the League Leaders and on First Friday he spends an hour in adoration with the Senior Crusaders.

As of now "Richie" has no definite plans for college, but would like a course in Hotel Management.



BUSY BEADLE

William Kennedy, 3D, has just nailed down the Honorable Title of Busy Beadle of the Month. This crew-cut lad entrains from St. Mary's in Plainfield to Prep every day. After school, you will find him working hard in the Literama Office.

Bier Barrel

This column is dedicated to the faithful departed. 5 Frosh and 3 Juniors. May they rest in peace, Snyder or Bayonne!

Congratulations to Mike Hayes, 4E, for his win by a knockout in the first elimination round of the "Golden Gloves" competition. Quote from the champ: "I'll be ready for the second round as soon as my nose stops bleeding."

Since the holidays, seniors have been eating without refreshing melody. Fr. Murry's "music-to-eat-out-of-paper-plates-by" seems to have been lost on the way over.

Someone must have pulled a plug, for even the Freshmen could see the obvious mistakes that were made on some of the report cards. Looks like "Mark IV", the infallible brain, got a headache.

Scheduling a party, wedding, or funeral and want some entertainment? "The Chanters", featuring Orlowski, Filoramo, Kowalski, and Smith, perform for moderate rates. As a matter of fact, they perform for nothing. Recently, they wowed the crowds at the Urcioli-Hartnett New Year's Eve party.

Thanks to Fr. Shalloe, the seniors were treated to an inspiring talk by Fr. Ryan, S.J. Fr. Ryan's speech, which had been recorded by Fr. Shalloe at the annual Jesuit Seminary Mission Dinner, outlined the three characteristics of the Communist Man-Machine. According to Fr. Ryan, the Communist is loyal, courageous, and obedient. But of course, he explains, to the Communist these virtues refer only to the state.

Were You There . . .

Bayonne Roller Rink, February 1903 . . . "I'm sorry, sir, but we don't have any size 15 skates. You'll have to try to squeeze into these 12's." Mr. Kennedy picked up the skates, and bounced over to an empty bench. Crash! Mr. Kennedy picked up the skates and bounced over to another empty bench. Sitting down a little easier this time, he quickly unlaced his shoes and began to insert one size 15 foot into one size 12 skate.

Twenty-five minutes later, with both his feet slightly the worse for wear, Mr. Kennedy sat puffing on the bench, also slightly the worse for wear.

The whole rink shook, but not with excitement. Mr. Kennedy was rising to his feet. He made it!

And that's how it came about: the first Whale On Wheels.

Horrorscope



James Deskus: "You're a generous fellow. There is nothing you find too much to do for others. That's right, nothing." **Frank Lockhart:** "You are waiting to be discovered. In a few years, you'll be afraid that you will be." **Dennis McAuliffe:** "Some speak from experience. You — from experience — don't speak."

Candid Quotes



James Kelleher: While watching *Rome Eternal* on television the past few Sundays, I got to thinking that maybe we should quit Latin class for a month and go over to Rome and see the

real thing. Imagine viewing the Senate House where Caesar was slain and standing in the forum where Cicero spoke.



Mike Grabler: What has happened to the water? Seems you can't even get a half way decent drink in school these days. You step up to get a sip and what do you find? Either the fountains

aren't working or you get your mouth washed with chlorine. It usually comes out Half & Half. But I want water. Can't a man even dampen his thirst without suffering for it?



Robert Haschke: After I saw the boat show last week, I'm convinced that fiberglass is the coming thing. In future years when considering your first yacht this is a fact to bear in mind.

In the meantime, I have my eye on an all fiberglass dinghy and sail. Just the thing for those far-away balmy breezes.

PREP 54—FORDHAM 50

Fordham Fooled

True to form the Prep opened the annual Peacock Tournament at the college gym by beating Fordham Prep 54-50. The Prepsters; playing in a tight zone defense and employing terrific hustle completely stymied and disorganized the futile attack of the stunned Fordhamites.

In the first half the scoring was opened by the Prepsters who quickly soared to a twelve point edge with only four minutes gone in the quarter. Fordham Prep finally entered the scoring column when Manzione hit two jumpers and Brubaker added one more on a foul by Kretzer to make the score 12-5 in favor of the Prep. Erwin's three point tap play started the Prep rolling again and Massaro and Kretzer slipped in two soft jumpers from the side to keep the Prep net sizzling. After Erwin and Manzione traded jumpers and Massaro dropped in a bomb from the corner, Walsh swished a long jumper from the side to make the score Prep 23, Fordham 15 at the buzzer.

At the start of the second period Fordham rallied briefly and pulled within five points of the surprised Marauders on foul shots by Walsh, Canavan, and Brubaker.

But Prep's pint sized backcourt duo quickly put an end to their brief spurt. Melega flashed up the center on a beautiful twisting drive and Massaro followed up with one of his patented specialties to put the Prep back on the beam. After Walsh singed the cords from the corner for Fordham, Don again streaked through the middle of the Fordham defense to bank in a spectacular lefty hook. Zanowski's tap ended the scoring in the half with the Prep comfortably ahead 31-22.

Brubaker's two foul shots opened the scoring after the intermission for Fordham. After Erwin crammed in a tap and added a foul shot the visitors rattled off four quickies on a drive by Canavan and Walsh to make the score 34-28. After Melega traded foul shots with McGuire the Prep, led by the spectacular play of its two backcourt wizards, reeled off ten points interrupted only by Manzione's soft jumper from the corner. At the quarter the score was 44-31 Prep.

In the fourth canto the teams traded baskets evenly until the visitors suddenly got hot and zipped in ten straight points without a Prep field goal. Kretzer's foul shot finally broke the drought for the Prep and made the final score Prep 54, Fordham 50.

HOW MARAUDERS ARE HITTING IN GAMES TO DATE

P	Opp.	Ktzer			Mlga			Mssro			Erwin			Znwski.		
72 Reg.	61	9	4	22	3	1	7	8	3	19	0	2	2	2	2	6
55 St. A.	80	8	3	19	5	2	12	4	0	8	1	2	4	1	2	4
58 St. M.	57	9	9	27	1	2	4	3	2	8	3	5	11	3	0	6
67 Dck.	57	4	4	12	3	5	11	11	2	24	5	1	11	2	1	5
52 Bay.	54	6	0	12	4	0	8	6	1	13	5	1	11	4	0	8
54 Frm.	50	4	3	11	5	1	11	5	1	11	5	3	13	3	0	6
77 Bkp.	52	3	7	13	8	7	23	8	6	22	2	3	7	1	0	2
51 Sny.	48	3	3	9	4	6	14	---	---	---	4	0	8	5	0	10
72 Lin.	56	5	1	11	8	1	17	---	---	---	3	0	6	4	1	9
57 Bay.	74	7	3	17	6	2	14	4	0	8	3	3	9	3	1	7
43 Fer.	60	3	0	6	3	0	6	3	0	6	5	3	15	2	1	5
658 Tot.	649	61	37	159	50	27	127	52	15	119	36	23	97	30	8	68

PREP 77—BROOKLYN 52

Tourney Triumph

Once again the Prep journeyed up to the College gym to stroll away for the fourth time in four years the proud winner of the annual Peacock tournament.

In the final game with Brooklyn Prep the Prepsters completely outfought, out-hustled and outplayed the shaky Brooklynites to come out on top easily the victor by a score of 77-52.

Ryan's jump from the keyhole started the day's scoring for Brooklyn; but Melega quickly retaliated for Prep with a beautiful three point play on a flashy drive up the center. After Devine converted one of two fouls for Brooklyn, Don again brought the Prep fans to their feet with another sizzling drive up the middle. Brock added a foul for the Brooklynites to make the score 5-4 in favor of the Prep. After the teams traded a pair of jumpers the Prepsters got hot and reeled off seven straight points — Prep 15, Fordham 10.

The Marauders powerful attack in the second period was sparked by the fabulous jump shooting of John Massaro. John soon started the Prep off on the right foot as he

zipped in a foul shot, then, after a drive by Melega, he followed up with another foul shot and singed the nets with a beauty from twenty feet out to really fire up the Prep attack. After baskets by O'Connor and Ryan cut the Prep bulge to 7, John again lobbed in a two pointer from the side and added a set and a jumper to put the Prep ahead 27-16. Berkeley converted two foul shots for Brooklyn but then the Prepsters led by Massaro racked up nine more while Ryan threw in six for the visitors to make the score Prep 36, Brooklyn 24.

Devine opened the scoring in the second half with a pair of fouls and a tap. But Prep kept pouring in the points as Erwin and Massaro dropped in five straight free throws and Kretzer added a soft jump shot and a foul to make the score 44-32 in favor of the Prep. After O'Connor lofted in two long sets from backcourt Melega really set the cords on fire as he slipped in four foul shots and flashed up the center of the court three times in blinding fast drives. O'Connor's drive at the buzzer made the score 54-42. In the last quarter with four minutes left in the game Halligan emptied the bench, McNally's fouls at the buzzer made the final count Prep 77, Brooklyn 52.



Melega drives and hooks against Brooklyn.



Same game, Erwin racks two.

PREP 67—DICKINSON 57

Johnny On The Spot

A favored Dickinson squad invaded the Prep gym December 20 only to be turned back in a solid 67-57 decision. Junior John Massaro was the Prep pumper in this tilt with 24 markers.

Zanowski canned a foul and the scoring of the first period was underway. Furch, playing the pivot, dunked a chippy matching Massaro's jump. The Rams rolled ahead on two identical jumps by Sodano but Richie Erwin grabbed a rebound and bombed a beauty from the keyhole. Furch hit with a quick three point play but two jumps by Kretzer, a jump by Erwin and a Kretzer to Massaro fast break moved the Marauders ahead by one as the quarter ended, 13-12.

Massaro really poured it on in the second canto, scoring 12 points. He had an amazing 100% shooting average as he rammed in 6 for 6. Jumping John got things started with a swisher from 30 feet out. Furch and Erwin exchanged deuces but Furch broke through and hit on a nifty three point play. Massaro went into action with a couple of dazzling buckets on the fast break. Melega got both assists as he started them via lightning fast steals. Furch again exchanged taps with Erwin while Cuicci found an opening and drove through to bring the score to 25-23. Johnny jolted three more jumps and pulled the Marauders away by 8 before Sodano beat the buzzer with a tap. The Maroon and White walked off with a 31-25 lead at half time.

The Rams came roaring back after the respite but clutch shooting by Kretzer and Erwin put Prep ahead for good. At the start of the period Melega and Kretzer teamed for three points from the foul line but Furch converted another three point play and sets by Kanzler and Galucci knotted the score at 34 all. Kretzer and Erwin triggered home jumps but Galucci again found the range with his set to keep the Hilltoppers in contention. Galucci and Furch converted charity tosses to move them within two points,

41-39; but Massaro, Melega and a torrid three point play by Kretzer with 35 seconds left pushed Prep into a 6 point cushion, 47-41, as the quarter closed.

Kretzer opened the final stanza with a sparkling drive and Erwin followed with a free throw. Massaro and Zanowski banged home jumps to counter Furch's pair of fouls and Cuicci's slippery drive. Cuicci swished a set and canned two fouls while a Furch jump sent the Rams within 5 again, 56-51. With three minutes left Massaro launched two bombs but Furch, as he did so often, kept Dickinson hopes alive once more with a couple more free tosses. At this point, with the score 60-53 and 1:29 minutes remaining, the play became rough. Galucci and Erwin fouled out while Hartmann was ejected for protesting. The seconds ticked off and sounded a solid victory for Prep.

PREP 72—LINCOLN 56

"Easy Pickins"

After a high flying victory over Snyder, the hungry Marauders lashed out a thorough drubbing to a harmless Lincoln Lion. Don Melega sparkled with 17 markers although playing only half the game. Richie Donnelly dumped 25 points for the visitors.

Prep overwhelmed the Blue and White, jumping off to a 12-3 lead within a few minutes of the opening period. Zanowski closed the first quarter with a foul, 18-5.

Melega and Kretzer teamed for 7 quick points and the second team came rambling in. The score was 27-6 but hot shooting by Martin and Donnelly chopped the lead to 15 as the half ended, 37-22.

Walsh and Martin banged home jumps but Zanowski and Kretzer countered via fast breaks. With the score 45-33 the Maroon and White steamed in 6 points before the Lions could recover. The period ended with Prep pushing a 53-37 cushion.

Each team notched 19 in the final canto but the results resounded in mashing Marauder style, 72-56.

BAYONNE 54—PREP 52

Last Minute Loss

In a fast, thrill-packed encounter with the Bayonne Bee in the Oil City, Jan. 3, Prep battled hard and gloriously, only to lose by a basket in the last minute. The Marauder attack was sparkling; it snapped like lightning. But during the third period the Bayonne Bee launched a vicious barrage of field goals, putting them ahead, 39-36. In the final canto the lead tilted back and forth. Prep took it, 52-51, at the 1:20 mark; but Bayonne clinched the win when Capitano rammed in to lay up two points, 53-52.

Prep bolted off to a nine point lead by the end of the first period. Kretzer and Massaro led the assault. Don Melega fascinated with his spirit-handed steals. By half time Prep had widened the gap to eight points, 25-17.

Kretzer led off the second half with a jump from the corner. Capitano drove in with a lay-up. Neely and Erwin matched shots; a moment later Melega's brilliant pass-play set up Zanowski for a neat hook. Capitano drove and Scolnick followed to make it Prep 32, Bayonne 28. Erwin tapped for two and Scolnick's smooth jump triggered a rapid fire series of field goals. During this Bayonne barrage Prep failed to rack a single ducat. It was Neely hooking, Scolnick drifting to the side for the set, and Capitano scoring on a jump and hook that brought Bayonne ahead 39-34.

Zanowski led off the final canto, jumping from the key. Osofsky hooked; Massaro's set was sharp. Neely's set shot made it 43-40, Bayonne. Massaro's jumper added two but Stasiulatis dunked a brace of fouls. Melega's shot missed but it netted two points because a Bee touched the net. This put Prep ahead, 46-45. Osofsky's hook and Kretzer's tap juggled the lead. Capitano and Melega made it 50-49. With the score 52-51, Prep, Capitano drove in. That was it. Neely added an unnecessary insurance foul shot. Bayonne, 54-52.

BAYONNE 74—PREP 57

Bee Blasting

On Monday, January 20, a swarm of Bayonne Bees flew north to invade the Prep gym and sting all hopes for the county title this year. Willy Kretzer slashed the nets for 17 while Pete Capitano notched 31.

Kretzer canned a couple of free throws and Capitano bombed a jumper to start a tight period which saw the lead change four times. Scolnick and Osofsky moved the Bees up one, 5-4. Erwin, who did a great job clearing the boards, zeroed a keyhole jump, and Kretzer followed from the corner. Capitano could not be denied as he bulleted a couple of beauties from the corner, 10-9. A Zanowski tap, coupled with a faithful Kretzer jump, moved the Marauders up by three points. The backcourt magicians, Melega and Massaro, made it 17-13 before Neely beat the buzzer with a tap, 17-15.

In the second period, the Marauders mushed ahead on two great plays by Melega. Don drove through to start it off, and then set Zanowski up with a chippy. Kretzer crackled off a jump and the Prep pounded ahead 24-15. Zanowski and Capitano matched deuces, but then the roof fell in, as the Bees belted in nine straight markers. Stasiulatis tapped and Capitano rippled in on a fast break. Prep called time out but to no avail, as Kuyouski canned three fouls and a furious fast break from Capitano to Scolnick notched the score, 26-26. Melega clicked from the corner and Erwin followed with one from the charity line but Pete pumped in a deuce as the half closed, 29-28, Prep.

The second half opened on the same pattern as Prep and Bayonne balanced shots through a tightening defense. The break came at the buzzer when Capitano sank a brace of fouls to push the Bees out, 46-44, and then converted off the jump as the 4th quarter opened. When Prep came out of the zone, the Bees, converting 16 out of 17 free shots, made the game a shambles.

FERRIS 62—PREP 43

Bitten by Bulldogs

A strong Ferris team stormed the Prep gym and blasted out an easy 62-43 victory. Nick Malta led the team in triumph with 14 markers while Rich Erwin, who did another great job under the boards, also paced the home side with 13.

After a full minute of passing, Zanowski opened the scoring with a clean swisher. Erwin followed with a jump and things looked good. Then Cahill, Costello, Malta and Malejko all slammed home deuces and the Petreans trailed, 8-4. Erwin and Zanowski put Prep within 2 but three quick jumps by Malta and Cahill zoomed Ferris into a 16-9 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Erwin stayed hot and nailed 4 more at the start of the second session, but Costello and Dabney kept the Bulldogs up by 5. Dabney utilized his height as he tapped two chippies while Costello bombed from the outside. A gush of baskets by Melega and Orlowski closed the gap to 3 at the half, 27-24.

Two crashing jumps by Kretzer made it 28-27, Prep, but a tap by Dabney put Ferris ahead for keeps. Slowly but surely the Bulldogs increased their lead and pulled away with a 40-34 cushion at the quarter.

The final canto, which has been disastrous in the two Bayonne games, also proved to be fatal in this one. The Marauders could score but 9 while Ferris clicked for 22.

PREP 51—SNYDER 48

Tiger Tickled

In a quick, brilliant, defensively excellent battle the Maroon and White overcame a snappy Snyder quintet, January 14th, at the Tiger gym. Melega and Zanowski were the pride of the Prep with their accurate bombing and professional defensive play.

A foul shot started Snyder off. Orlowski returned with a set shot; Hankerson jumped;

Emmeth drove in hard. Orlowski countered but double buckets by the Tigers made it 9-4. Melega's drive ended the quarter 10-10.

In the second period, after a Snyder rally, the Marauders burned the net. Orlowski hit with a charity toss; Melega stole and struck; and Zanowski fired in two quickies. Lauten's free tosses made it 21-20, Prep.

Zanowski and Orlowski headed the scoring in the second half with deuces. Both teams exchanged jumpers, with Melega, Kretzer, and Erwin spreading the net, 32-30, Prep. At the end of the third canto it was Snyder, 33-32.

Kelly jumped to make it 36 all, but Snyder surged ahead with Scerbo leading the attack, 43-40. After Richie Erwin traded foul shots with Hankerson, baskets by Erwin, Melega and Kretzer made the score 48-45, Prep. Kelly's free throw made the final score 51-48.



Zanowski leads with a deuce.

Track

Blistered feet and the sweet odor of "Ben Gay" give away the fact that the indoor track season is here for Prep. In its first outing of the season St. Peter's knocked over St. Al's, St. Michael's, Marist in a relay meet. The 880 and one mile relay teams chugged to victory and the two mile relay rambled in second behind St. Michael's. The following week brought creditable performances by Denny Kahrar in the 600 and Ed Bradley in the mile.

On Dec. 21 the team traveled up to Mt. St. Michael's where they, along with ten other Catholic schools in the area, took part in the "Polar Bear" meet. This time it was the mile relay team that brought home the bacon as Denny Wagner, Paul Jordan, Hank Wefing, and Kahrar took a hard-earned third place.

Activity resumed on Jan. 11 when the State Catholic Relays were held at the Kearny track. Spirit was high, but Coach Bill Sharlow knew trouble was brewing because of injuries to three big guns — Tom Cunningham, "Doc" Doherty, and John Riordan. Fighting hard, the team grabbed three firsts and a fifth place, coming out fourth in the meet.

All eyes are now turned towards Feb. 15, the City Championships. Since this meet has both individual and relay events, Coach Sharlow is busy juggling his men around to the best advantage. For the distance races (half mile and mile) he has seven striders set

FROSH RECORD TO DATE

Prep	Opponent	High Scorer
32	Lincoln	26 (Barry 13)
44	Dickinson	37 (Barry 17)
40	Snyder	39 (Barry 13)
70	St. Mk. J. C.	46 (Young 30)
45	St. Mk. U. C.	54 (Young 20)
59	Marist	51 (Young 25)
36	Memorial	47 (Barry 23)
35	Lincoln	36 (Lacey 14)
64	Dickinson	37 (Young 28)
50	St. Al's	46 (Barry 27)
67	Snyder	62 (Barry 30)

to go. They are Walt McInerney, Gerry Drummond, Tony Neusch, Den Dwyer, Bradley, Riordan, and Wagner. In the sprints and quarter mile, Kahrar, Jordan, Wefing, Doherty, and Dave Connolly will most likely be the ones to await the gun. Barring serious injury, this team can make the best showing Prep has seen within the last decade.

Cold and Hot

After just two weeks of practice, the Prep Ducks boarded the bus for Fairlawn. The lads from "the sticks" had been practicing since September and they were set to drown the Prep web feet. Co-captain Richie McConville surprised the country boys by taking second place in the back-stroke event. Phil Dunne placed second in the breast stroke. Although the final score was 65-12, coach Kelly was well satisfied with their fine spirit.

In the second meet, they beat Ferris 41-35 at the Dickinson pool. Phil Dunne splashed home with first place in the breast stroke. McConville flipped in a second place in the back stroke. The medley relay team of McConville, Dunne, Frech and Heart finned in another first. They swam so fast that they left Ferris in their wake. Anthony Alo and Robert Feldman displayed fine talent as they put on an exhibition on diving.

JAYVEES RECORD TO DATE

Prep	Opponent	High Scorer
58	St. Al's	39 (Macchia 11) (McCarron 11)
55	St. Mk. J. C.	44 (Gladysz 22)
55	Dickinson	59 (Macchia 11) (Gladysz 11)
40	Snyder	49 (McGeady 16)
50	Bayonne	52 (Carbaccio 13)
63	Lincoln	35 (Gladysz 15)
76	Bayonne	64 (Gladysz 22)