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**SPORTS**

# Clarkson To Host RPI Six Saturday

By BILL CLEVERLY  
The Clarkson Tech ice men will face off this Saturday night in an important Eastern contest against the Engineers of R. P. I. This is the second time the two teams have met this season in Tri-State League play. Clarkson took the initial game of the season from the Engineers at Troy, 7-4.

Not counting Wednesday night's game, Clarkson is bringing a 14-3-1 overall record and a 8-2-1 record in Eastern play to the game Saturday. R.P.I. stands 8-8-1 on the season prior to tomorrow night's game with St. Lawrence.

Dick Jason and Arnie Lawlor each contributed a "hat trick" last Friday night as the Golden Knights skated to a 9-2 victory over Queens College of Kingston, Ont.

Clarkson connected for five goals in the first period, one in the second and three in the third to take the win. Queens was held scoreless until the third period when it picked up its two points.

All-American candidate and team Captain Cal Wagner started the Golden Knights off to victory when he connected for the first lamp lighter at 9:46 of the first period. Wagner also picked up four assists in the game.

Clarkson was one man down in the third period when Queens, Larry Windover beat out substitute goalie Bob Burrel for the invaders' first score. John Quinn connected for Queens' second goal. Lawlor finished up the scoring for the evening when he sent the puck home with 38 seconds to go to the buzzer.

Other Clarkson scoring came from Corby Adams and Paul Lapoint.

Not counting Wednesday night's game, the junior line of Adams, Roger Purdie, and Brian Wilkinson is leading the Clarkson team in overall scoring. Adams is first with 39 points followed by Purdie with 33 and Wilkinson with 28.

This coming Tuesday night the Clarkson pucksters will host Queens for the second time within two weeks as the Kingston team will be down to seek revenge on last Friday's score.

## Parishville Five To Play Colton In League Tilt

The Colton and Parishville High School basketball teams will meet at Colton this Friday night in Oswegatchie League play. Parishville will bring a 2-7 record to the contest, while third place Colton stands 4-5 on the season.

Last Friday night League-leading Knox Memorial of Russell led all the way as it downed Colton 77-55 while Edwards edged out Parishville 52-40.

A big 11 point difference in the first period helped Knox to its 77-55 victory as Colton did its best to level up the score in the remaining periods. High scorer of the game was Collins of Colton who connected with five foul shots and 13 goals for a total of 31 points for the evening. Denesha led the victors in scoring with 16 points.

Parishville and Edwards matched each other in connecting with 20 field goals apiece, but Edwards won the close battle at the foul line connecting for 12 out of 15 foul shots, while Parishville only got nine successful tries at the line.

Half-time saw the score tied at 20-20, but Edwards outshot Parishville by three points in the remaining half to take a 52-49 win. Bob Phippen led Parishville on the score sheet with 14 points while Hurley picked up 27 points for Edwards.

The Parishville Jayvees beat Edwards 32-29 while Colton Junior High ran over Knox Junior High 46-25 in pre-varsity contests.

## Watertown Clubs Potsdam Matmen

The Potsdam High Matmen suffered their severest loss of the season last Friday night when they were handed a crushing 37-2 defeat at the hands of Watertown High.

Potsdam picked up its sole two points of the evening when Dave Fefee, section 10 champion, wrestled Watertown's Gary Davis to a 2-2 tie.

The Potsdam juniors dropped their match to the Watertown junior varsity 39-7.

## - Sports Calendar -

By Bill Cleverly

Time	Sport	Teams	Place
Thursday, Feb. 14			
8:00 p.m.	Basketball	Clarkson vs. Alfred	Alfred
8:00 p.m.	Basketball	Potsdam High vs. Tupper Lake	Potsdam Gym
7:00 p.m.	Basketball	Madrid vs. Heuvelton	Clarkson Gym
9:00 p.m.	(Valley League Playoffs)	Lisbon vs. Morrystown	Clarkson Gym
8:00 p.m.	Basketball	Colton vs. Parishville	Colton
9:00 p.m.	Hockey	Potsdam High vs. Canton	Arena
7:00 p.m.	(Clarkson Tourney)	Massena vs. Arena	Lake Placid
8:15 p.m.	Hockey	St. Lawrence vs. R.P.I.	Canton
8:00 p.m.	Wrestling	Potsdam High vs. Gouverneur	Gouverneur
Saturday, Feb. 16			
8:00 - noon	Hockey	Potsdam Junior Hockey	Arena
Noon	Hockey	Consolation	Arena
2:00 p.m.	(Clarkson Tourney)	Championship	Arena
1:15 p.m.	Wrestling	Clarkson vs. Hobart	Clarkson Gym
3:00 p.m.	Basketball	Clarkson vs. Hartwick	Clarkson Gym
3:00 p.m.	Basketball	Potsdam State vs. Maritime	State G.
8:00 p.m.	Hockey	Clarkson vs. R.P.I.	Arena
Tuesday, Feb. 19			
8:00 p.m.	Hockey	Clarkson vs. Queens	Arena
8:00 p.m.	Basketball	Potsdam High vs. Canton	Canton
8:00 p.m.	Basketball	Norwood vs. Malone	Malone
8:00 p.m.	Basketball	Potsdam State vs. Plattsburgh	Plattsburgh

## Potsdam High Hockey

# Clarkson Ice Tourney Slated This Weekend

Clarkson College will sponsor its annual High School Hockey Tournament this weekend at the Clarkson Arena.

Seven teams will participate in the two-day affair which starts Friday with St. Lawrence Central facing off against Norwood-Norfolk at 5:00 p.m. in the "B" Division. Lake Placid will meet Massena at 7 p.m., and Potsdam will take on Canton at 9:00 in the "A" Division.

The winner of the St. Lawrence Central-Norwood-Norfolk contest will face off at 10 a.m. on Saturday against Alexandria Bay to decide the winner of the "B" Division.

The consolation game for class "A" will start off at noon, while winners of Friday night's games will wind up the tournament with a contest starting at 2 p.m.

The Potsdam High hockey team picked up its second shut-out in a row and upped its Northern League record to 5-1 this past Tuesday night as it handed Massena a convincing 5-0 defeat.

Bill Hall paced the Sand-

## Potsdam Courtmen's Loss Tuesday Dims Chances Of Playoff Berth

Gouverneur High School tallied up 21 points to Potsdam High's four in a fourth quarter spurt on Tuesday night to register a 48-40 win and dim Potsdam's chances at an invitation to the post-season League playoffs.

Potsdam jumped off to a 8-7 lead at the end of the first quarter, but Gouverneur evened it up at the half 17-17. The Sandstoners outscored the Wildcats 19-10 in the third period to take 36-27 lead, but Gouverneur came roaring back with 21 points in the fourth period to take the League win. Potsdam is now in a two way tie for fourth place with a 6-7 record with Saranac Lake, while Gouverneur is holding down fifth.

Fred Sverdlow led the Sandstoners on the scoresheet with 10 points followed by Rick Northrup who added eight points to the score.

In commenting on the game,

## Northern League Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Tupper Lake	10	3
OFA	10	4
Massena	8	5
Canton	8	5
Potsdam	6	7
Saranac Lake	6	7
Gouverneur	5	8
Norwood-Norfolk	4	10
Malone	3	11

# Potsdam State Invited To Hoop Tourney; 2nd Best Defense Wins 10 Straight

The Potsdam State basketball team, with 10 wins in the last 10 starts, has been chosen to participate in the annual New York State Invitational Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament to be played in Cortland on Feb. 23, Mar. 1 and 2. On the basis of won-lost record through Feb. 9 in inter-Conference ball Potsdam ranks third in the State League.

The Maroon and Red, under the tutelage of Coach Lou LaGrand, have moved into a tie for second place in defense among the nation's small college teams, according to statistics released this week by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Only Wittenburg College of Ohio has given up fewer points per game, based on results through Feb. 2.

Potsdam chares the runner-up position with Colorado Mines, each with a defensive average of 48.2 points per game. Wittenburg has yielded up an average of 47.1 points per game to their opponents.

**Recent Games**  
In recent games Potsdam State downed Utica 61-54 on Tuesday night and RIT 70-47 on Saturday, to run its record to 13-3, with a 10 game winning streak.

Last Friday night the Maroon and Red overpowered Buffalo State 64-58 in an important Conference game.

Potsdam went out to an early lead to hold a 21-9 edge at the end of the first quarter, and kept that lead throughout most of the game. Buffalo was unable to penetrate Potsdam's tight defense until late in the game when they brought the score up to 60-56 with less than two minutes to go.

Hal Miller and Capt. Rich Stopa provided the insurance when they tallied six points between them to grab the win.

**Beat Oswego**  
In another important conference game last Wednesday Potsdam's Bob Cantine let loose with a jump shot from the keyhole to give Potsdam a 48-46 win with three seconds left on the clock over Oswego.

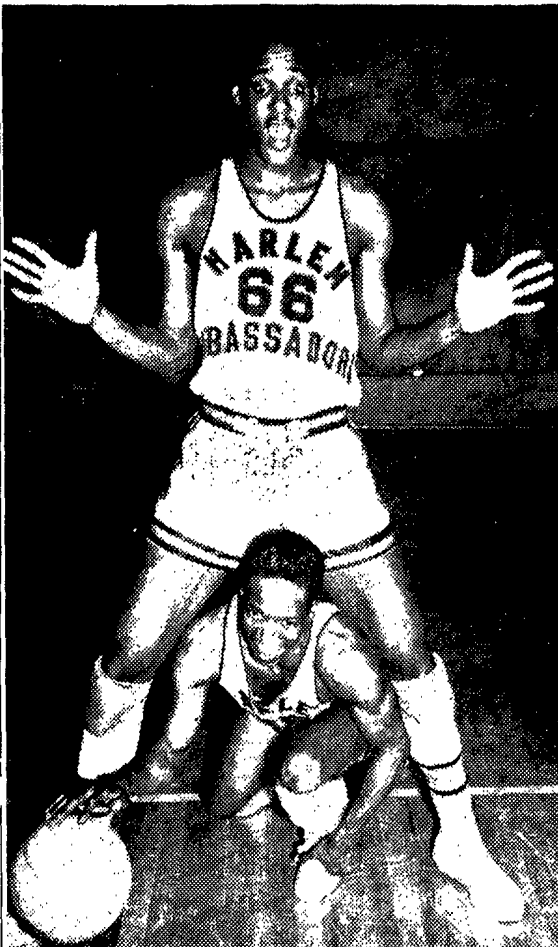
Oswego stepped out to an eight point lead in the first five minutes of play, but the local team closed the gap to even up the score 21-21 at the half. Oswego held the edge during most of the second half, but the two teams were never more than four points apart.

With five minutes to go Potsdam was four points in the hole when Ron Dinehart and Cantine evened up the score. Nick Verini put Potsdam on the winning side 46-44 with a pair of foul shots. Then Oswego's Craig Sallin tied the score up.

Stopa was called for offensive charging, but Tony Conigliaro of the Lakers missed the possible two pointer to give the ball to Potsdam. Cantine brought the ball down court to give Potsdam one of their toughest and most important wins of the season.

## Most Pee-Wee Action Off For Saturday

The only Pee-Wee hockey to be played this Saturday in the Clarkson Arena will be between 8 and 9 a. m. for the seven and eight-year-olds. No other games will be played due to the Clarkson High School Tournament which starts at noon on Saturday.



**A LAUGH A MINUTE** — Corney Freeman (top) and Leon Hillard (bottom) are two of the funniest and most skillful ball handlers on the famed Harlem Ambassadors Professional Basketball team. The Ambassadors will meet the Area All-Stars in the St. Lawrence Central School Gym, Brasher Falls, on Thursday, Feb. 28 in a benefit contest.

## Playoffs To Start In Valley League

The Clarkson Gym will ring to the shouts of avid High School supporters this Friday night as the Valley League hoop playoffs begin. It is expected that champions Madrid-Wad-

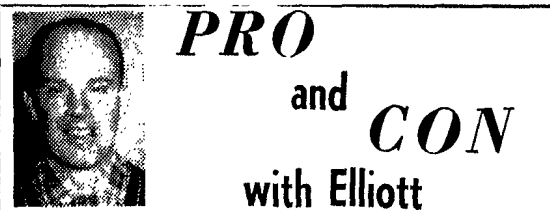
dington will play third place Heuvelton and second place Lisbon will meet fourth place Morrystown. The finals will be the following Thursday at the Clarkson Gym.

Madrid-Wadlington claimed the Valley League crown but lost its chance at an undefeated season last Friday night to third place Heuvelton 57-45, to

end up with a 9-1 record for the League play.

Madrid outshot Heuvelton 38-36 in field goals, but Heuvelton turned the trick on the foul line by scoring 21 points to Madrid's seven.

Harry Woodside led Heuvelton to victory with 25 points for the evening, 13 of which he picked up on the gift line, while Bob Fox and Tom Woodside contributed to the score with 12 and 10 points respectively. Dave Pierce led Madrid with 15 points followed by Dave Cauraugh who connected for 10



**PRO and CON with Elliott**

This week my column will take up the hardboard situation around the area, focusing mostly on Potsdam High. Remembering an earlier conversation I had with Sandstone mentor Hal Gillette, we looked back on our talk. Hal was quite optimistic at that time, but, of course, he couldn't predict such things as injuries, sickness, lack of experience, hot and cold nights, and many other problems which plague a team.

Hal had only one man, big Vic Goldsmith, with much experience. A couple of others, Fred Sverdlow and Mike Mein, had a little less confidence, while Dick Donovan, Bob Reed, Rick Northrup, Jim McSparron, and Tom Lavine were all battling for berths.

This inexperienced club, hurt by illness several times throughout the campaign, seems to have found itself toward the latter part of the season, and looks much better as of this writing. Gillette mentioned to me that in order for his club to win, his three big men, Goldsmith, Sverdlow, and Mein, have to hit consistently well in the shooting department. Recently they have been doing that, and if they keep gunning, things may get brighter.

The Potsdam High court coach said that in his three years as mentor of the local hoopsters, this year's Northern League was the best-balanced he had ever seen. I asked Hal to name me the three best teams in the league, and he surprised me by replying that OFA had the best club, as far as he was concerned. Tupper Lake and Canton rated behind them, according to the Sandstone coach.

The rest of the League is really scrambled, and the Sandstoners are still in the thick of the race for a playoff spot. However, they'll really have to hustle from here on to hit "the Big Four." Remaining games take in the three teams Gillette mentioned as tops in the League — Tupper Lake, Canton, and OFA — and that's no easy task.

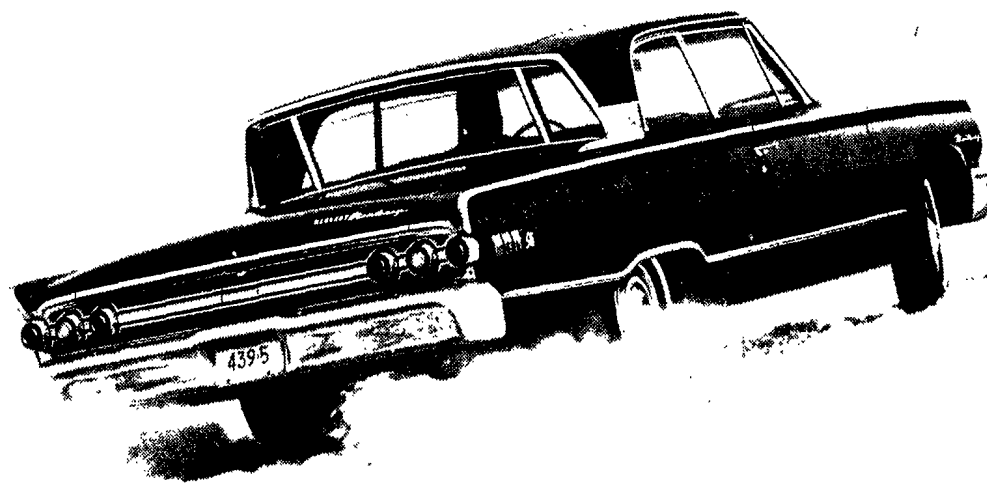
Besides the names already mentioned on the varsity squad, Gillette can call on the services of Charlie and Don Duncan, Terry Sharlow, Larry Casey, Jack Osier, and Steve Clarridge.

Next we switched our conversation to the Junior Varsity squad at Potsdam, which is considered the best Jayvee team at the local school in many a year. Under the helm of Jack Saunders, the novices have been very successful thus far, and Gillette is waiting eagerly for them to become varsity material. He also has great praise for the work Saunders is doing. Kurt Halliday and Pete Chase are the outstanding eaglers on this team.

Thus it has been an interesting basketball season around the loop, and will continue to be until after the playoffs. From week-to-week, you never know what's what. One thing is sure, however. The Sandstoners of Coach Hal Gillette will be in there battling every second, and I can only wish them the very best.

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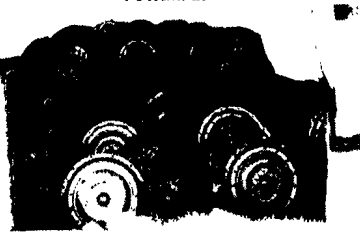
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