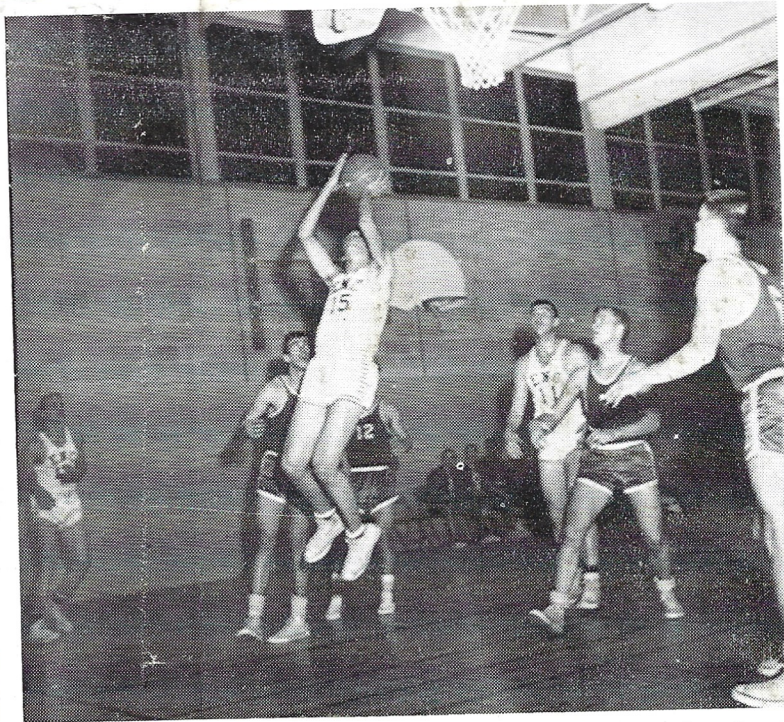




Dick Mann goes up for the lay up and two points as the Crusaders downed the Purple Knights of Kings 89-80.

Crusaders Remain Undefeated

by Bill Jones

The 1958 version of the Crusaders has continued the scorching pace set by last year's undefeated squad.

With only one key man, Jerry Lashley, missing, the Elm Streeters will repeat with another perfect slate.

Newcomers to the team are Freshman Dick Mann, a high scoring threat from anywhere on the court, sophomore Charles Pillsbury, who is not surprising anyone with his display of hustle and sharp-shooting ability, and freshman Bruce Reeves, a six foot 1-inch potential star, who is quickly fitting into Coach Bradley's style of play.

With four games now under their belts, the Red and White hoopsters have scored 333 points, 101 points more than their opponents who have scored 232 points.

Thus far in the season Dave Hutchinson tops the team in numbers of points scored with a 19.8 average; he is closely followed by Jack Smith with 18.5. The other man hitting in double figures is Dick Mann with a 14 point average per game.

Although not scoring in double figures, one of the busiest men on the team is Merritt Mann who is "Johnny-on-the-spot" when it comes to grabbing rebounds. "Moe" is averaging over 5 rebounds a game.

Coach Bradley's bench is not such a waiting room either. Jack Holcomb, who plays just about as much as the first five, is maintaining a steady 6 points per game average. Against the New England School of Theology Jim Bricker came up with a 12 point trick, with Bruce Reeves getting 9, Jim Green 8, and Howard Chambers 7. Charley Pillsbury was an important factor in the Kings' game, scoring 8 important tallies and taking some important defensive rebounds.

Up to the Nyack College game the Crusaders averaged 83.2 points per game 12.2 pts behind last year's 95.4 average, but easily enough to stifle all opponents so far.

Finally-top flight competition, but the Crusaders proved worthy of the task of setting down the smoothest offence they have played against thus far. Facing a team that has met nationally known NCAA teams, the "Sunday school" basketballers turned back the Purple Knights in a torrid stretch drive. Jack Smith hit his high mark for the season with 31 points.

Crusaders Take Fourteenth By Tripping Nyack 100-74

The Crusaders rolled on to their fourteenth straight victory as they defeated Nyack Missionary College 100-74. This, the first Homecoming game, was played before the record crowd of the year.

The "Bid Red" drew first blood as Merritt Mann took the tap from center and layed the ball in for the first tally. For the first few moments the game was nip and tuck as the lead changed hands several times. Then slowly but surely the Crusaders began to pull away and steadily increased their lead until at half-time the Nazarenes were on the big end of a 58-30 score.

At the beginning of the second half the Nyack Parsons steamed back with a rash of baskets that cut the Nazarene's lead by several points. Then the E. N.C. cagers settled back into the harness and went on to win by a 26 point margin.

Team shooting has improved considerably as was indicated by the 48 per cent team average of this game. The points of the evening were well distributed. Team foreman David Hutchinson led the scoring with 21 points and second were Jack Holcomb and Merritt Mann with 18 markers each. Also among the high scorers for the evening was versatile Dick Mann with 16 points.