SPORTS OF WEEK

WASHINGTON CRUSHES WESTERN MARYLAND IN GREAT BASKETBALL BATTLE—CHESTER COLLEGIANS TONIGHT—OTHER NEWS OF SPORT REALM

Before the largest and most colorful gathering that ever witnessed a basketball contest in Chestertown, the Washington College basketball team crushed the powerful team representing Western Maryland College Saturday night, the score being 41-16. In points of importance bearing on state championship honors, as well as points of exceptional spectacular interest, the game was in many ways, the most interesting ever played on the local floor.

Western Maryland had nosed out Washington College a few days previous on the former's home floor at Westminster. This fact alone, and, coupled with the other most important one, that Washington was out to regain its lost laurels, brought a large crowd by the time the doors were opened, and before the twilight shadows had completely shrouded the campus. And it was a gay and a colorful, as well as a loyal crowd that assembled. There were young men and young ladies there who screamed just as loudly for Westminster, when their favorite team swept across the floor, as there were when Giritis and Jacobs played the marvelous game they did and snatched from the powerful Westminster aggregation a victory that they seemed bent upon carrying home with them. And the crowd was not so loyal, generally, speaking, that they could not see the stellar playing of the team that opposed them, but was generous to all, applauding equally, almost, the maroon and black and the green.

When the Western Maryland team trotted into the arena, one who saw them for the first time was not surprised at their success upon the floor. Tall, powerful, rugged and aggressive, they presented a most formidable aggregation, that would be a contending power against any team. When they went into action, they swept forward toward their opponents' basket, filled with eager power. They almost scented victory before the game started and began the confest with a confidence that offtimes brings dismay to an opponent and brings victory in short order.

On the other hand, Washington, with an aggregation of perhaps the finest basketball material in the country, had lost three state games in a row. Having, by far, a better squad than any other state opponent, nevertheless, they seemed unable to bring victory. Defeat following defeat brings discouragement, dismay, and keeps a team from doing what it actually can do with effect and success—sometimes. At other times, defeat injects into a contest, whether athletic or not, a sort of desperation that is offtimes more dangerous than the effects of continued victories.

And thus these two teams met on Saturday night, each receiving the impetus that its respective inner driving force injected into the contest. The result was a victory for Coach Kibler's generalship, as well as for the spirit of the Washington boys, who refused to bow to defeat.

Western Maryland took the lead at the start, but Washington soon overtook them and went into the lead itself, only to be topped by the powerful green team in short order, which went ahead by four points before Washington began to show real fighting spirit. Back and forth across the floor the two evenly matched teams swept, neither gaining a decided advantage, but Western Maryland showing more power and keeping the ball in their possession longer. Washington's aggressive seemed smothered as Western Maryland blocked Carroll and Dumschott from the basket but the defense work of Dobson and Cavanaugh kept Maryland from piling up a colossal score.

Carroll, hero of a hundred basketball contests, seemed unable to pull the magnificient plays that have made him for four years the greatest basketball player that the State of Maryland ever had within its borders on any floor. He seemed lacking in that quick flash for the basket that has made him the subject of many glowing articles. His mate Dumschott, was also not up to his real form. That dashing, tearing, drive that has always been the dismay of his opponents, was missing, and try as he might he was unable to penetrate the cordon of defense that Western Maryland flung across the center of the floor.

With these two magnificent basketball players almost helpless in the grip of the green terrors, it remained for the blonde-haired Jacobs to furnish the power that kept Washington even in the contest during the first half. Playing the greatest game of his career, this tall, rather frail athlete, hurled himself into the gap made by the faltering Carroll and Dumschott and was a terror on the defense and offense. He furnished the one power that kept Washington a dangerous factor in the first half.

Toward the end of the first half with about a minute to play, Coach Kibler seeing that Western Maryland was almost sure to enter the second half with a one point lead, rushed the clever Giritis into the fray in place of Dumschott. This seemed almost an unheard of thing to do, but it proved real generalship, and like a flash from the blue, the somewhat fragile Giritis flashed toward Western Maryland's basket and caged the ball, putting Washington into the lead, 11-10, as the half ended.

The second half proved the undoing of Western Maryland completely. Playing the same aggressive game that had marked their performance in the first half, they were faced by a different aggregation that had swayed back and forth with them in the first half. Giritis had replaced Dumschott, while Carrington had taken the place of Carroll. And this rejuvenated five, inspired by that unexplainable something that defeat ofttimes brings, brought into the conflict that which the regular five lacked. That something was the determination to win. The regular five no doubt had the ability, but this other aggregation were filled to the brim with fighting spirit, that spirit that cannot be denied or beaten.

Giritis, in this period, glowed a star upon the sky of athletics at Washington College that neither the defeats nor the victories of the future can dim. He played a most marvelous game, making 17 points in the second half, caging the ball from every known angle; taking the ball from beneath the very hands of his opponents he would sweep toward the basket with a skill that could not or would not be denied. The marvelous floor work of the smiling Carington was also a most important factor in the stampede of the second half, while Jacobs kept up his aggressive work of the first half. The guards were also impregnable, as the score will show, and during the second half Western Maryland was unable to keep the ball but a few seconds at a time, and then they were hurled back from the basket by the aggressive work of the Washington guards.

The game was a great and a spectacular contest, and will go down in history with the other notable victoies made possible by the great work in the past of Brown and Caldwell, of Cain and Pearson, and especially of those greatest of all forwards—Carroll and Dumschott, who have done more than any other two players to make basketball what it has been at Washington College during the past years.

Delaney faces the hardest task of any challenger ever known for the heavyweight title. He had Maloney last night, a mighty task. If victorious, he must face Sharkey, who will almost certainly defeat McTigue. If victorious over Sharkey, which is doubtful, the dark and predominating form of Jack Dempsey must be disposed of before he meets Tunney. If he wins from all of these opponents, he will go into the ring against Tunney, the champion, a 3-1 favorite.

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