

CALLED IN MIDST OF ROW.

Around 1917

Moral Victory for Y. M. C. A. in Contest With Bridgewater.

Association Juniors Win from Cloyne—
Basket Ball at St. George's
Gymnasium.

20 min. halts.

Bridgewater's basket ball record, which embraces continuous victories for a period of three years, was barely saved Saturday evening at the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium, when Referee Charles Johnson called the contest late in the second half, because of fist fights which culminated in a riot scene, in which many blows were struck and players of both teams and members of rival sections clashed. The score was 26-24 in the Association's favor, but as the contest was called before the end of the half it is officially "no game," although a moral victory for the Newport players, who were in front every minute of play.

As this was the most important game of the season for both teams, a record-breaking crowd was in attendance, Bridgewater fans to the number of 100 coming in a special train. Physical Director Slocum of the Association received a letter from Manager Pratt of Bridgewater, stating that the latter could not be responsible for the conduct of all the fans, and that if several became intoxicated it would not be his fault. About a dozen of the visiting fans, coming from "dry" territory, precipitated the riot.

Another thing which had a bearing on the final disturbance was the fact that Bridgewater could not take approaching defeat like sportsmen. The Massachusetts team has won 14 straight games this season, and 56 straight in all without losing a contest. They intend going to Chicago in the spring to play for the amateur championship of the United States, and a defeat at the hands of the Association was not welcome. As the game went along the Bridgewater players began many fights, and in each instance the Association men defended themselves.

It was a fight of this occasion which began the riot without an instant's notice. Pratt, the right forward of the Bridgewater team, tripped in a scrimmage, the first thing that struck the floor was his head, and he was unconscious for 15 minutes and groggy for hours afterwards. Immediately after this Waite, the big Bridgewater centre, backed White