

EAST SET BACK

First Place Battle in Interscholastic League Won by Northeast, 18-17.

A THRILLER FOR THE FANS

Taking Lead in Second Quarter, the Pirates Hold On to Slim Margin at Finish.

A Technical Foul on Omer Hart for Failure to Report Costly to East.

BEARS IN LATE RALLY

Ten Points Are Made by the Losers in the Final Quarter—Paseo Beats Westport.

A flaming finish that netted ten points in the final quarter failed by a point and the East Bears bowed to the Northeast Vikings, 17-18, in yesterday's first place battle in the Interscholastic league basketball race.

In the opening afternoon game at the Auditorium, the Paseo Pirates broke into the victory column for the first time with a 30 to 25 triumph over Westport's Tigers, the defending champions.

Rally by Southwest.

Southwest and Manual kept pace in the nocturnal engagements, the Indians making a great comeback in defeating Central, 38 to 30, and Manual leading all the way in a 35 to 29 decision over Southeast. Victories kept Southwest and Manual in a third-place deadlock, one game back of East.

Southwest, lagging by 4 to 13 at the end of the first quarter, bombarded the goals, particularly in the third period, to sound a definite warning to Northeast's pace-setting Vikings. The Indians clash with Northeast a week from today in the sixth series.

Northeast 18, East 17.

The battle between the undefeated co-leaders of the league was a drama packed with joy and heartbreak for the players, their coaches and the rabid rooters. The East Bears, a cool, methodical aggregation, fought a gallant battle in the final quarter to score ten points, but were stopped by the final gun ten seconds after Joe Baker had swished a 1-hander to bring the score to 17 to 18.

Interscholastic League Statistics.

THE STANDINGS.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	O.P.
Northeast.....	5	0	1.000	137	113
East.....	4	1	.800	127	88
Southwest.....	3	2	.600	145	120
Manual.....	3	2	.600	136	141
Central.....	2	3	.400	154	137
Southeast.....	1	4	.200	141	171
Westport.....	1	4	.200	125	152
Paseo.....	1	4	.200	102	145

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

Northeast 18, East 17.
Paseo 30, Westport 25.
Southwest 38, Central 30.
Manual 35, Southeast 29.

GAMES NEXT SATURDAY.

4:00—Northeast vs. Southwest.
5:30—Paseo vs. Manual.
7:30—Southeast vs. East.
8:30—Central vs. Westport.

eral times as the players crashed to the floor in pile-ups.

The loss was Westport's fourth in five starts.

PASEO—30.			WESTPORT—25.				
	G	F		G	F		
Ble'berg, f..	3	0	1	Rader, f....	0	1	0
Sou'wich, f.	1	0	0	Webbler, f..	4	2	3
Butts, f....	3	0	3	Donahue, f..	1	1	2
Gregath, c..	3	2	3	Beach, c....	0	2	1
Havenep, g..	2	2	1	McC'bright, c.	0	0	0
Silvius, g... 1	0	4	0	Chamblee, g.	1	0	2
Bowen, g... 0	0	0	0	Scanlon, g... 1	0	0	0
				Piper, g....	0	0	4
Totals	13	4	12	Sogas, g....	1	2	2
				Dolan, f....	0	0	0
				Bugler, g....	0	0	0
				Foster, g....	0	1	1
				Totals	8	9	15

Officials—Warren and Dorney.

Half score—Paseo 19, Westport 8.

Missed free throws—Paseo 13, Westport 8.

Southwest 38, Central 30.

Connecting on an amazing percentage of their shots, the Blue Eagles opened with a rush against Southwest and after six minutes, Central held a 10 to 2 lead. The margin was 13 to 4 at the end of the first quarter, but the Indians began to move in the second chapter and by half-time their deficit had been reduced to 19-13.

Admitting he was "thoroughly disgusted" with the performance of his team, Coach Mel Bishop of Southwest refused to join in the huddle during the intermission, walking away after he had barked: "When you fellows want to start playing basketball, let me know."

The Indians started playing basketball right away. They cut loose with such ferocity that nineteen points dropped through the hoop in the 8-minute third quarter. Central, ahead early in the third quarter, 20-13, was behind, 20 to 32, when the final period got under way.

Andres, showing a real scoring punch for the first time this season, featured the offensive along with Saizow. Bill Huggins also played an important role, until he was forced to the sidelines with a knee injury two minutes before the third period ended. Bill's left knee popped out of position and it pained him so severely he had to be carried off the court. But minutes later, the knee taped firmly, Huggins was pleading in vain for the chance to get back in the milling.

Bud French, ace of the Central shooters, and Cramer, regular center, did virtually all the scoring for the Eagles, the former hitting sixteen points to Cramer's twelve. But they would have scored even more, with fair success at the free throw line. French missed six of eight tosses; Cramer converted only six of twelve. It was a rough, fast game, but once Southwest's attack began to function the Eagles' rooters saw the handwriting on the wall. Southwest,