

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNEY DATES ANNOUNCED

Fifth Annual Court Classic in Madison Square Garden Starts March 17. John Coffey, Asa Bushnell Named Committee Chairmen.

DATES for the fifth annual National Invitation Tournament in Madison Square Garden have been announced by John Coffey, of Fordham, chairman of the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee, sponsors of the annual court classic. The tourney will be conducted as an eight team competition as it was a year ago. First round games will be played Tuesday, March 17; and Thursday, March 19; with the semi-finals on Monday, March 23, and the final on Wednesday, March 25.

Action on the tourney plan and dates was taken at a meeting of the committee held Tuesday, January 20, at which time John Coffey of Fordham was named to succeed the late Professor Walter Williamson of City College as chairman of the group of ten colleges comprising the metropolitan committee. Walter MacLaughlin of St. John's University was named secretary-treasurer to succeed Clair Bee of Long Island University.

The committee named Asa Bushnell, director of the Central Office for Eastern Intercollegiate Athletics, as executive chairman of the Tournament Committee in full charge of details for the tourney. Three college representatives of the tourney committee will be appointed by Mr. Coffey. The Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association will be requested to select one of its membership to serve with the tourney body.

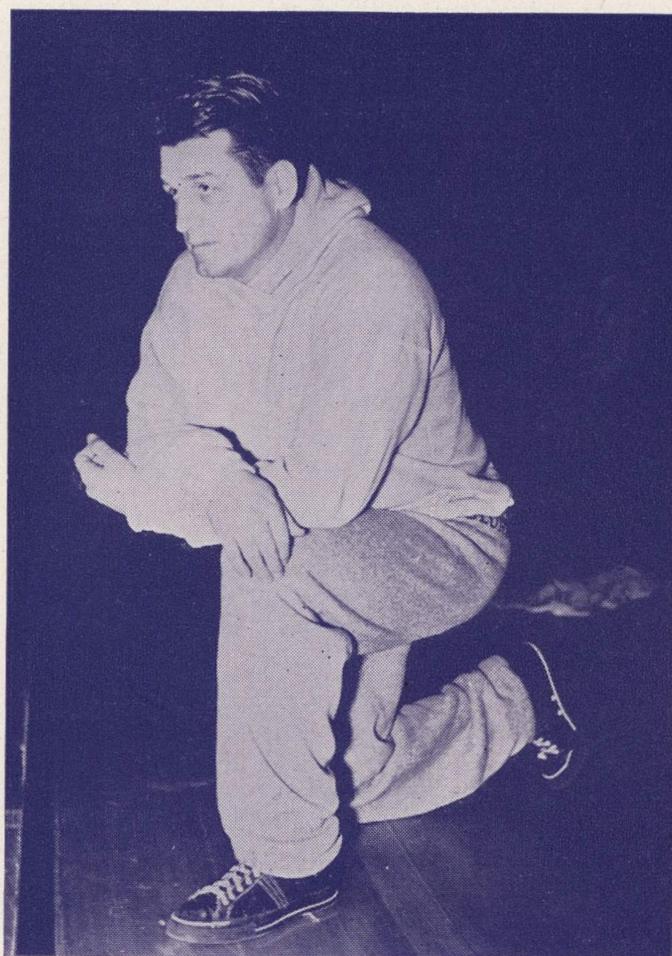
Present at the meeting of the committee, in addition to Coffey of Fordham, Bee of L.I.U., and MacLaughlin of St. John's, were the representatives of the seven other member schools: Herb Kopf, Manhattan College; Brother Richard, St. Francis; Dr. Anthony Orlando, City College; Hollis Spotts, Pratt; Arthur Meinhold, Brooklyn Poly; Lou Oshins, Brooklyn College; and John MacDonald, Hofstra College. A. B. Nixon of New York University was present as an observer. The committee has invited Wagner College of Staten Island to become an affiliated member.

The committee also decided that it would continue to present its annual award for an outstanding contribution to the game of basketball. This award will be made at the disposition of the National Association of Basketball Coaches at its annual meeting.

Last year's tournament in Madison Square Garden broke all attendance records with 70,826 spectators

in four nights. The largest opening night crowd of 15,751 witnessed the start of last year's tourney and one-night records for attendance in Madison Square Garden were established each of the other three nights as 18,341, 18,357 and 18,377 attended. The tourney was won by Long Island University, which downed Ohio University in the final, 56-42. Other competing teams last year were Duquesne University, Rhode Island State, University of Virginia, Westminster College, Seton Hall and City College.

Frank Baumholtz of Ohio University, now with the Great Lakes team, won the Most Valuable Player award. Temple University won the first tournament in 1938 from Colorado U.; L.I.U. won from Loyola of Chicago in 1939; and Colorado University defeated Duquesne in 1940.



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