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Injury-Illness Epidemic Hits Fordham Five

4 Stars Put Out of Action in Week, Weakening Squad of Tall and Able Players

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Ed Kelleher, who has been coaching basketball long enough to become something of a practicing philosopher, still is not so completely temperate that he cannot react normally to good fortune and the opposite thereof.

Two weeks ago he was walking around the Fordham University gymnasium as though his feet were treading on softly tufted clouds. He wore a happy, if somewhat dazed, smile. He had seen something that he did not dare to believe—a squad which combined height, speed, scoring power and defensive tenacity, a squad with the stuff to restore Fordham to basketball eminence.

Today he is a disillusioned man, holding his head in his hands, his spirits so low that he trips over them as he shuffles around the same gymnasium looking at the wreckage of the squad which Kelleher is now certain appeared to him in a mirage.

Three to Miss Opener

Kelleher's plunge from the sunshine of optimism to the mines of despair occurred last week when injuries and illness snatched four of the Maroon's leading eight operatives off the active list. Three of them will be missing when the Rams open their campaign tomorrow with St. Peter's in Jersey City and it may

Players Who Will Compete for Fordham in Basketball Wars



Left to right, Bob Croke, Bob Sherry, Dick Fitzgerald, captain; Harold Savage and George Babich, with Ed Kelleher, coach, in background

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