

Dragons Squeak Past Falcons

Johnson and Narimasu's basketball teams displayed a spectacular game at Narimasu Jan. 23. The Dragons won the game 48-46 after coming from behind after the half and fighting for the win until the final buzzer.

The height of the Johnson players gave the Dragons the disadvantage right from the start. With heavy substituting and well-performed patterns of play the Dragons overcame their disadvantage and went on to win a brilliant game.

After the half neither team was six points from the other. Each point was fought for and each opponent's tally was a sore loss. Gerry McAllister was high scorer for the first time this season for the first time this season with 13 points. Ed Cox kept his shooting pace with 12 valuable points.

The Junior Varsity did not claim such glory. They fought hard during the first half in a tilt with the Johnson neophytes but fell behind in the second and were not able to catch up. Swann was the high scorer in the 49-44 battle.

Tennis Is Tops

The newly organized Narimasu tennis team, coached by John Foren and Harry Hallman, is well under way for this 1960 season. No one has yet accepted the challenge of organizing a team in their school and setting up competition with the Dragon team.

A tournament for placement is now in the process of completion. Even in this cooler weather, practice is held at least twice a week.

The team hopes to play other schools but until now does not have a definite schedule.

NHS Bumped

On January 22 the Narimasu Cagers went to the showers with their second conference loss to Yo-Hi, 62-56. Narimasu's uninhibited playing and inaccurate foul shooting brought about the loss. Three more field goals were scored by the Varsity Dragons than by Yo-Hi's five, but the 26 fouls committed by the Dragons only added to Yo-Hi's score.

Cox led with 18 points with Bob Livingston helping the cause with 12.

Vacation Cage Recap

"If the kinds stop hustling, it will be a long season," Coach John "Bud" French said. His team lacks height this year and must rely on pure "know-how" of the game of basketball to win, he added. Eddie Cox, forward, is the only letterman to return to the Narimasu Basketball team. Coach French is pleased that his team won the first four out of five games played.

A thrilling opener with Musashi University in mid December showed Narimasu winner by 66-64 in a double overtime, sudden-death situation. Cox scored just one field goal fewer than half the total point score for the Dragons.

The Junior Dragons opened against American School, Meguro, on December 18, with a winning score of 49-23. Bob

Kimball was high scorer with 17. The Varsity game against Meguro on the same bill was a little closer, with Dragons coming out ahead 39-30.

During vacation Narimasu played two teams from Camp Drake, ACAN, on December 2-, which caused Narimasu's first defeat by a score of 77-56. Sergeant Taylor did the honors for the service team with 23 points and Cox went for 29.

A second Camp Drake fell to the wayside after the hard-scoring Dragons gouged out a score of 54-44. Cox again was high score man with 21; Jerry Moore edged close behind with 15.

Coach French declined to comment on the strength of the other teams compared with the Dragons. He says that the Dragon quintet is in the process of learning.



Ed Cox wins jump during ASIJ game. Aki Yamada (12) receives ball to score easily.

Coach Is Handicapped

With the close of football season and the beginning of basketball, it became apparent that various problems exist which we hadn't encountered in previous years.

The first of these is the fact that only one Varsity and four J.V. players returned this year to play basketball. The rest of last year's team are scattered all over the world. Although a few of last season's team are still in Japan, they are playing on other teams because of new school arrangements this year.

The second problem for Coach John French was to find experienced players to take their place. This turned out to be no easy task for our already overburdened coach. Most of those trying out for the team were inexperienced and lacked height.

This turned out to be the

black cloud hanging over an already flooded town. Johnson, Yamata, Yo-Hi, Zama and A.S.I.J. all have taller players than their adversary, Narimasu. He has come to three conclusions:

(1) He placed the players who returned from last year and entered them on the Varsity roster except for Charley Swann and Pete Omlanski, who started J.V. play this year. (2) He then sought out those who could be coached and those who showed promise and waited an extra two weeks to make the final cut.

(3) As to the problem of height, the maestro drilled the team in defensive tricks, quick breaks and passes, emphasizing these three points more than anything else. It wasn't long before we had a team that didn't need height.

ASIJ Is Mauled

The Narimasu Dragons pulled within one game of the lead Saturday, January 30, when they defeated the Mustangs of Meguro 48-45. In this close thriller the Dragons felt the loss of their number two scorer, Gerry Moore, hurting them.

The Dragons took an early lead which wasn't overtaken until the third period when a foul tied the score at 39-39. The lack of a visible clock added to the suspense. There were frequent calls from the audience as to how much time was left. The Dragons pulled away and resorted to a freeze in order to preserve the lead. Ed Cox was the Dragon high scorer with 19 points.

The Junior Dragons didn't fare as well. They lost 44-38.

Yamato Ends Close Loser

In a startlingly close game, the Narimasu Dragons overcome the Yamato Warriors 45-42 one the lowest ranking teams in the league, were not expected to be a great challenge to the Dragon Club.

During the half-time intermissions as the Dragons were leading, one Yamato sergeant was heard to say, "The trouble with the Yamato team is that the boys are competing with each other to see who can get the most points. When the coach gets them to work together they'll win some ball games!"

After the bell sounded, starting the third quarter, the Warriors obviously worked together because they managed to tie the game for a few seconds 39-39, and threatened throughout the period. High scorer for the Dragons was Ed Cox with 18 points.

Trojans' Pull Wins

Before an estimated crowd of 1200 at the Zama Field House the Zama Trojans eked out a 41-40 victory over the Narimasu Dragons in early January.

The Trojans fought an uphill battle throughout the first three quarters before finally taking the lead in the last.

At one point the Zama team led by five points with less than a minute in the game. The Dragons were able to score twice but were unable to overcome the deficit. When the final buzzer sounded, Rochette and Hudnell were high point men for Zama with 17 and 10 points, respectively.