

Where 'd It Go?



Jeff Krauch, Freshman, stretches in anticipation as he and foes await the decision of the foul shot.

Jr. Dragon Round-up

The Narimasu Junior Dragons successfully completed their 62-63 basketball season with a 6-3 record.

In their first game of the season they were edged by Zama 35-33. They then hosted Johnson whom they tromped 38 to 33. In the claustrophobic gymnasium of Yo-Hi they sunk the Lil' Devils by a score of 46 to 33. The following week they fell before the wee Warriors 40-29 in a partially unscheduled triple-header at the Drake gym. They were then bested by the Junior Poxvillagers at the Johnson gym. Smarting from these two set-backs they breathed the fire of vengeance upon the "Sir Galahads" of CAJ, defeating them 53 to

45. Seeking to better their 3-3 record they battered the stalwarts of ASIJ two times, 67 to 42 and 61 to 53. In their final game of the season they voyaged to Tachikawa to smother the Yamatoites 73 to 62.

The Baby Dragons' Top Ten scorers were: Larry Gagnon who garnished 74 points; Terence Brennan with 49; Bill Shepherd with 42; Butch Wong with 40; Royal Grubb, playing in but half the season's games managed to sink 39 points worth. The second half of the Big Ten consisted of Jeff Krauch, who lit up 29 points during the season; Mike Wonderly, who got 25; Mike Reames with 15; Bruce Jones who drove for 14; and Mike Leighty with 12.

Warriors Down Dragons

The Yamato Warriors crushed the Narimasu Dragons 84-67 at the Tachi West Gym on March 1st. The win, their ninth in a row and tenth of the season against only two losses, enabled the Warriors to win the Kanto Plains High School Basketball Championship.

"Busta" Yim drew first blood for the Dragons but Yamato's high scoring back-court ace Jim Cox quickly put the Warriors ahead with two lay-ups. Not to be out done, Narimasu, paced by sharpshooters Rick Brown and Bucky Mace, rallied and took a 22-17 lead at the quarter's end.

Both teams played steady ball with the Dragons, maintaining their lead for the first half of the second quarter. With 4:08 left in the half, the Warriors came to life and decided to go on to a lead at the intermission. They were never headed after

the third quarter, the Dragons momentarily lost their sting eye. At the same time,

Yamato's Joe Belden, who had been held to three points in the first half, suddenly found the mark and burned the cords for 12 of Yamato's 22 third quarter points as the green and white pulled away to a 64-47 lead.

The third quarter proved fatal for the Narimasu quintet as both teams bucketed 20 points in the fourth quarter. Yamato coasted to victory and glory as league champions.

Yamato's Jim Cox led all scorers as he tallied 17 points in each half for 34 points. Belden added 17 more to lead the Warrior output.

Mace and Brown led the losers with 21 points each. Yim followed with 14.

One highlight of the game for the Dragons came early in the second quarter when Brown dropped in a field goal for his second point of the evening. This field goal brought Brown's season total to 200 points. He added 14 more before the end of the contest to bring his total to 214.

Narimasu Falls In Tourney

The Narimasu Dragons surprised many by outlasting five other class A teams in the recent 15th Annual Far East High School Basketball Tournament held March 5-9 at Camp Zama. Among the teams that Narimasu passed by the wayside were the pre-tourney favorites, Kubasaki High of Okinawa and the Falcons from Johnson.

The Misawa Missiles were the Dragons' first opponent. For a while it seemed the Dragons were in the act of staging an upset, but Misawa pulled away in the final quarter for a 59-41 victory. Rick Brown led Narimasu with 11 points.

Later that evening, the Dragons rolled up a big lead and coasted to victory over Itazuke's Cobras; the final score read 57-53. Sam Yim led the Dragons with 11 points.

The following day Narimasu pulled by the "Poxville" Falcons 46-44 when Rick Brown scored with 15 seconds left and Bucky Mace laid one up with six seconds left. Brown and Jeff Livingston, with 12 points each, led the Dragons.

On March 8 Narimasu eliminated the Kubasaki Dragons to the tune of 46-40. Mace with 14 and Brown with 10 led scoring for the Blue Dragons.

Then it was all over for the Dragons. They fell prey to the Misawa quintet as the Missiles romped 64-49. After a strong first half, the Dragons could not keep up with the sharp-shooting Missiles. Walt Johnson led the Northmen with 18 points. He was followed by Bob Rasmussen with 15, Trammel with 12, and Buddy Hibbs with 11.

Class A and B All-Star teams selected by coaches of the respective divisions, were announced in ceremonies following the championship game of each division at Camp Zama, Japan on Saturday, March 9.

The Class B team: Tom Smith, Seoul American; Couglas Naylor, Mathew C. Perry; Robert Sabin, Sasebo; Bruce Young; and Don Young, Christian Academy; Joel Bruinooge, Christian Academy; John Namkung, Christian Academy; John Gillespie, Canadian Academy; George Brown, Canadian Academy; and Drew Wardlaw, American School in Japan.

The Class A squad: Mitch Dorger, Johnson; Eldon Anderson, Kubasaki; Lloyd Trammel, Misawa; Walt Johnson, Misawa; Bob Rasmussen, Misawa; Jim Cox, Yamato; Roy Walker, Darrell Coleman, and Bill Bugg, Zama; and last but surely not least, Rick Brown, Narimasu.

Message From Garcia

The big favorites of baseball and track have burst upon the scene once more! Roughly thirty hopefuls are competing for berths on the varsity ball team, several others are trying their luck on the cinders.

The Dragons may have come up with their own version of the famous Los Angeles Dodger duet of Don Drysdale and Sandy Koufax, in Steve Norris and Chuck Weir, Chuck's left arm has won him acclaim by all but training reports are exclaiming that Steve, a righthander, is also per-

forming on an excellence scale; the two pitching artists could be of tremendous help in the battle for league leadership.

On the track outlook, NHS looks well fortified, although standout Dick Engel will be missing. This situation no doubt will be remedied by the fine selection of athletes striving to gain starting recognition from Coach Elliot. The shot is heavily manned with Gene Cameron and Bob Finley, slinging the twelve-pounder.

— Bob Garcia

Cox Stalks Brown



Rick Brown, Senior, grapples with Yamato's Jim Cox for the ball in the season's finale for the two rivals.