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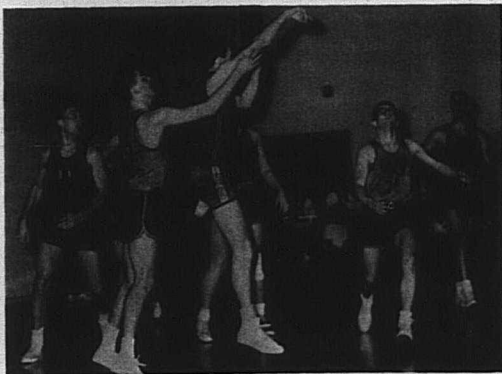
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Seniors To Battle Juniors Tonight In First Of Two Play-Off Games

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What Action Will Look Like Tonight

TONIGHT'S STARTING LINEUP

JUNIORS		SENIORS	
f—Fountain	(5.5)	f—Brownworth	(16.0)
f—Chase	(14.0)	f—DeVinney	(9.0)
c—Smith	(12.8)	c—Krentel	(13.0)
g—Angell	(17.3)	g—Titus	(12.8)
g—Dunham	(14.8)	g—Mills	(6.8)

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Seniors battle Juniors while Sophs look on. The probability of this situation looked very dismal a week before finals. Then a tired, underdog Sophomore eight took the floor against the 66'ers and later walked, or were carried, away with an 81-78 four-overtime victory. This was a Houghton first.

Yet, this was not the Soph's game to win. Owens and Stockin fouled out in the regulation game, but somehow the Sophs held together and managed a tie. Four overtimes later, following clutch buckets by Perrine, Parks, and Greer, the Sophs emerged victors. 49-49. 57-57. 67-67. 74-74. 81-78. Not an especially well-played game, the annals will read, but for four hundred witnesses on the night of the 15th, it was the most exciting ever. With a victory party postponed, the playoff design waited to be woven until the Senior-Frosh game Monday evening.

Lead by Jim Titus's twenty-three points and 65% average from the floor the Seniors climbed into the playoff situation, topping the winless ones, 77-47. History is complete; now tonight.

Statistically for the year, the "Spirit of '66" hit 38% from the floor, just as did the Seniors, while the Sophs shot 35%. The Juniors are the highest scoring team (414 points). Defensively, the Seniors top all, allowing only 328.

Tonight, the Seniors will have to deal with the Angell (17.3)—Dunham (14.8) duo. Yet, the real magic in the 66'ers seems to lie in Phil Chase. Quiet and unassuming Chase hit 39% of his floor shots during the year, averaged 14.0 per game for the sixth best in the league, and topped all rebounders with an average of 12.2 per game!

The Seniors feature Dave Krentel, who topped the league in shooting percentage, hitting on 47% of his floor shots, and Thom Brownworth. Brownworth, Mr. All-Around, was 2nd in percentage with 45%, 3rd in scoring with a 16.0 average, and 5th in rebounding.

If history does repeat itself, Houghton is facing it squarely. Oddly enough, just thirteen years ago, there existed a three-way tie in class basketball. The Seniors, Juniors, and Sophs were involved in the play-off of '51-'52. Also, oddly enough, the last game of the season found the Seniors toppling a hapless Frosh team 62-46. to enter, and then win, the playoffs.

Physically, the "Spirit of '66" is hurting with two sprained ankles and a bad back. Psychologically, this is the Senior's last shot at the title. Historically, the series is the Senior's. Statistically, the Juniors are tough. Emotionally, I like the Seniors. Yet, the victory party was postponed, not cancelled.