Ewing Squad Loses at Furniture City in Spectacular Battle 42-31

Grand Rapids, Feb. 3. (Special) Muskegon Junior College lost its second game of the season to Grand Rapids Junior College here last night in a spectacular exhibition of basketball featured by the playing of Norman McDonald of the Muskegon team, and Forman, of the local aggregation. The final score was 42 to 31 for the local squad, but that score doesn't indicate the closeness of the game.

The game was a nip and tuck affair, with the home team adding the old two points at intervals, to pile up a lead that was taken hold of by the visitors. The scoring trio of the visitors, yet was never dispelled. The score deadlock at the first, then the local team pulled away.

Norman McDonald, of Muskegon, had climbed back to an 18-14 score, with Grand Rapids leading. Shortly after the second half opened, McDonald scored 24 points during the game, in an attempt to close the goal, and that lead was never shaken. The local team, however, kept spectators on their feet throughout the game, with spectacular shots from both teams.

Captain McDonald scored 14 of his team's points, while Hathaway added 10 and Hoefer added seven. But the 31 in the score was made up by the local guards, who, as McDonald joined in a war of Muskegon's guards could not score. The five man combination proved more than the three man scoring machine.

Captain McDonald also missed several shots which ordinarily would have been turned through the hoop. Had he made all of his short tries, the score would have been closer, with a chance for a Muskegon victory.

The height advantage of the home athletes was not a factor in the victory, as the G. R. J. C. (42) lost 41 points to the Mu. J. C. (31) in the victory.

Hathaway, rf 1 12
Hathaway, of 2 11
McDonald, e 2 11
McDonald, c 2 14
Heine, t 2 11
Total 15 10

G. R. J. C. (42) 2 10
Portman, rf 2 10
Portman, of 2 10
Portman, e 2 10
Portman, c 2 10
Henderson, t 2 10
Total 16 10 42

FOUR BASKETBALL PROGRAMS ON MUSKEGON SKED TONIGHT

Junior College Cagers to Meet Flint Five With Second Place in State Race Staked; Ann Arbor Y. M. C. A. Tossers Seek Revenge for Early Season Home Defeat.

Two basketball contests of the first rank are scheduled for tonight in local gymnasiums, giving fans a choice of watching former state champions of Muskegon High perform with the Y team, or seeing the speedy Muskegon Junior College crew fighting for second place in the state Junior College league.

The Muskegon Y team meet Flint on the Central Campus gym floor in a game that is all-important to Coach M. R. Ewing's cagers. Muskegon Y.M.C.A. plays Ann Arbor Y at the local Y. gymnasium. Muskegon Junior College last year won just three games, its first year of competition. This year the team has won five, and has lost only to the superb Grand Rapids Junior College team, a quartet that has been through the season undefeated, and a perennial of its schedule holds little hope for its defeat.

Thus the game here tonight is for second place in the state Junior College league. Muskegon and Flint are tied at 5-2, with Muskegon boasting one victory over the Flint cagers so far. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. A preliminary will bring together the Champion teams of Grand Rapids, Western Michigan class C, A. A. U. champions of 1947, and the Muskegon juniors, class B champions of the same tournament. The first game starts at 7:30 p.m.

Muskegon Junior College is pointing towards a feat that will be a great improvement over last year's basketball record, and a undisputed second place in the state junior college championship. Grand Rapids, which has beaten Muskegon in two hard fought games, the only ones lost by the crew under Coach M. R. Ewing, is favored to take the title.

The first of Muskegon Junior's all-important trio of games of realizing that ambition is slated for Saturday night here, with Flint Junior College as the opposition.

The Muskegon team so far has won five games and lost two. The quintet defeated Port Huron and Highland Park on their own floors, and the three remaining games, with the same teams, are scheduled for tonight. The three Sun- uners at the Central Campus gym. Flint appears to be the most formidable of the three possibles, having won out over Port Huron last week. Highland Park is to be faced next week, followed by Port Huron, a 1-0 tard, second on the list, a real contender. Flint and Highland Park have each lost two games the same as Muskegon, but each has yet to face the powerful Grand Rapids team in a final game.

Crucial Test for J. C.'s

The Battle of the Junior Colleges game at the Central Campus, with Port Huron as the local team, is a possibility. The posse has yet to play the Cagers.

Captain Norman McDonald, of Muskegon, is expected to return to play against Flint and Highland Park for sec- ond place in the Junior College league, and is determined to be run- nerup to Grand Rapids, which is undefeated. The games with Flints will either cinch or ruin the local