

SPORTS

Ora Washington Capt., All-Philly Girls' Team

Hornets' Ace Picked As Best Girl Player; Jersey Girl Gains Guard Berth

First Team Consisting of Hill, Laws, Washington, Dot Davis and Patterson, is Best Ever Selected

HARD BATTLE FOR SECOND TEAM BERTHS

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The task of selecting the TRIBUNE'S 1932 All-Philly girls' basketball team presented some very interesting angles. While, fortunately, there were two girls, Ora Washington and Inez Patterson, whose standard of play was of such a character as to make them sure first bets, the process of sifting through the eligibles and finally weeding out the ten lassies who constitute the first and second teams, was not a difficult one.

It might be expedient to inject a word or so about the tremendous strides made in girls' basketball in this area. The femme casaba artists have leaped forward with leaps and bounds. While two seasons back a girls' game was considered more in the light of a feeble attempt by the weaker sex at playing a man's game, it is now, in several instances, quite different.

With the general advancement of interest, the improvement in individuals and team play has kept pace. As a natural consequence several outstanding girls have been developed.

Forwards

Shifting into analytical tempo and casting an appraising eye on the forwards there are at least half dozen girl contenders for the berths. Helen Laws, Lili Fountain, Louise Penn of the Hornets, Dick Hill, Rose Wilson, Gladys Walker and Ruth Lockley of Tribune; Florence Holcombe and Evans of Lambdas were among the more outstanding. By process of elimination the list pared down to Laws and Hill. The argus-eyed Tribune girl, came forward with leaps and bounds this season and was easily the most improved player of the campaign. She developed a knack for good tossing that presages great things from her.

Laws Ideal Type

While much of the glory that was heaped upon her should go to those hard working co-workers who fed "Dick" time and time again, still it cannot be denied that as a constant threat and goal getter "Dick" was the goods. Provided she adjusts her temperament, there is no limit to the heights she can attain.

Helen Laws, the other forward, is one of those type of players every coach cherishes. A swell kid, a fighter, she combined these virtues with that rare ability to come through in the pinch. Her speed and uncanny ability to shoot on the dead run places her far above the other forwards. Of the two, Laws is far more valuable on the defense than Hill.

Ora Best Player

The center job could go to only one person and of course that person is Ora Washington. Here we have the greatest girl player of the age. Though lacking the perfection of smoothness that goes with the finished product, Ora can do everything required of a basketball player. She passes and shoots with either hand. She is a ball hawk. She has stamina and speed that make many male players blush with envy. And despite comparatively elaborate defenses, especially mapped out to stop her she has averaged 16 points per game with a high total of 38 points in one game. Ora without hesitation is honored as the outstanding girl player

FIRST TEAM	SECOND TEAM
Laws (Hornets) Forward	Holcombe (Lambdas) Forward
Hill (Tribune) Forward	Walker (Tribune) Forward
Washington (Hornets) Center	Thomas (Tribune) Center
Patterson (Tribune) Guard	Mann (Hornets) Guard
Dot Davis (Darts) Guard	H. Davis (Tribune) Guard

of the year and with it the captaincy of the first team.

Just a step behind Ora in ability is Inez Patterson, the Temple co-ed and all-round star. "Pat" after a slow start flashed her true form in late season and in the Hornets-Tribune series she stole plenty of thunder. Pat is the best dribbler, passer and floor-worker of them all and there will be no dissenting note on her place.

Surprise Selection

A mild surprise awaits in the announcement of Dot Davis, the Woodbury brilliant, for the other guard. A tall well-built girl, with plenty of ball handling ability and marked prowess at "cutting for the basket". Dot, normally a forward is shifted back to guard. She is a good shot, is faster and more experienced than Evelyn Mann of the Hornets and Helen Davis of the Tribune, her two rivals for the berth. It was the only tough spot on the first team. Here we have two speed merchants in Laws and Washington. A fast stepper in Davis, a peerless floor worker in Patterson and a dead shot in Hill. Every girl is a star as girls' stars go and I would like to see the girls' team that could beat them.

Of the remaining girls, Holcombe and Walker, earned their berths. Lack of activity prevented the Holcombe lady from making a stronger bid. She is a set shot of unusual ability and though her ability is little known to the basketball public at large she deserves her position.

The other forward resulted in a merry battle. Rated as a substitute this little Walker girl romped. Every time she was afforded an opportunity she came through in grand style and tough as it might be to leave Rose Wilson of Tribune in the cold, justice must be done. It might be said that if Rose had been consistent she would have been a dead clinch for a job not only on the second team but even the first five.

At center Bernie Thomas has been brought up from guard. Bernie another greatly improved player, made several stabs at the center job and because of her passing and floor work is given preference over the capable Ann Carrington of Tribune and Bee Davis of the Darts.

The guards on the second team are Mann, Hornets; and Davis, Tribune. Within another year either or both of these girls are likely to step into first team ranks. Two other good guards were Colbert, Hornets; and Perkins, Tribune.