



Good Morning

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Big Basketball Doings in Toledo

IN case anyone should ask, Toledo's basketball is doing very nicely for itself this season. The University of Toledo Rockets, of course, are among the great teams of the nation with 13 victories in 14 starts, most of them against big-time opponents.

De Sales college, with six straight wins in a somewhat curtailed schedule, is one of Ohio's three unbeaten college quintets. Central Catholic, with a string of 11 wins, is one of the few unbeaten high school outfits in the state.

While it may be tempting the fates to say this, it has been a mighty long time since Toledo was so well represented on the cage map.

The Rockets, despite their tendency to road jitters, definitely have proved they belong among the first 10 teams in college ranks. Barring some sort of total collapse they should wind up with this rating unsullied. Their one defeat thus far, that by Marshall, has been wiped out with a victory in a return match. And let it be said that the Marshall team which performed on the Field House floor the other night was a team fully capable of dealing with any foe. Even the Long Island team the Rockets are due to face at Madison Square Garden in March doesn't figure to be any tougher.



Gerber and Chuck Two Great Stars

WHERE is almost as much interest in the scoring feats of Toledo's Bobby Gerber as there is in the all-around success of the Rockets cage machine. The university co-captain, carrying on where Chuck Chuckovits left off, has continued to weave the skein of remarkable scoring which has marked the Bancroft street outfit the last six years.

Two years after he left Waite high school to become head cage mentor at the university, Harold Anderson turned up with Chuckovits who became one of the nation's greatest name players through his sophomore, junior and senior years. When Chuck left Gerber was there to pick up the parade, the university thus having two of the greatest cagers of all-time in immediate succession.

Despite the fact that his high school coach took one look at his now famous hook shot and snapped: "You'll never get anywhere with that kind of stuff, Gerber," lanky Bob now looks a cinch to succeed Chuckovits as Ohio's kingpin scorer.

Faulty vision and all, the former Akron schoolboy who never was a regular on his high school teams at West and South, has racked up 1,089 points in his college career to date—as a sophomore and junior and in his 14 games as a senior. This leaves him just 100 marks short of Chuck's three-year record of 1,189 with 11 games coming up. With his average of 21.5 points per contest, Gerber should be able to make the grade in half this number of contests.

Gerber, whose favorite shot is that overhead hook attempt whereas Chuck's was a push type of shot, has eclipsed his predecessor's scoring record in each year, although the number of games have varied slightly from time to time. Chuck scored 352 points as a sophomore, Gerber 359. As juniors Chuck had 388, Gerber 428. With 302 points now, Gerber soon should be passing Chuck's senior record of 449.

Gerber and Chuckovits both are superb basketball players but there their similarity ends. Gerber is some three inches taller and is troubled with faulty vision, whereas Chuck's keenness of sight always has been one of his biggest assets. Chuck was a great star right from his grade school days, while Gerber never came into his own until after he left high school.

Chuck went on into coaching and pro basketball, something Gerber may eventually do if he doesn't have to spend too much time pitching something besides basketballs at the enemies of democracy.