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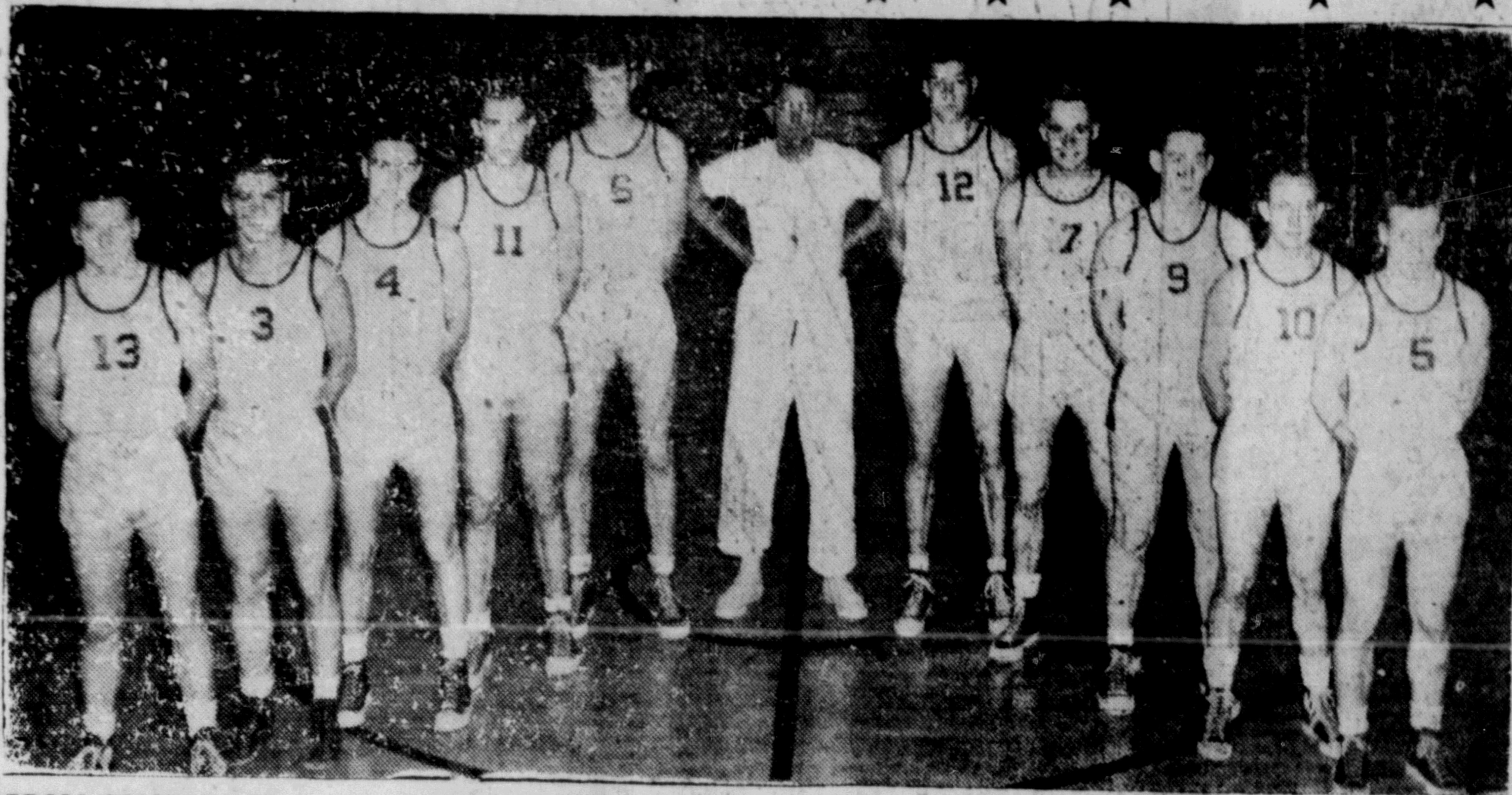
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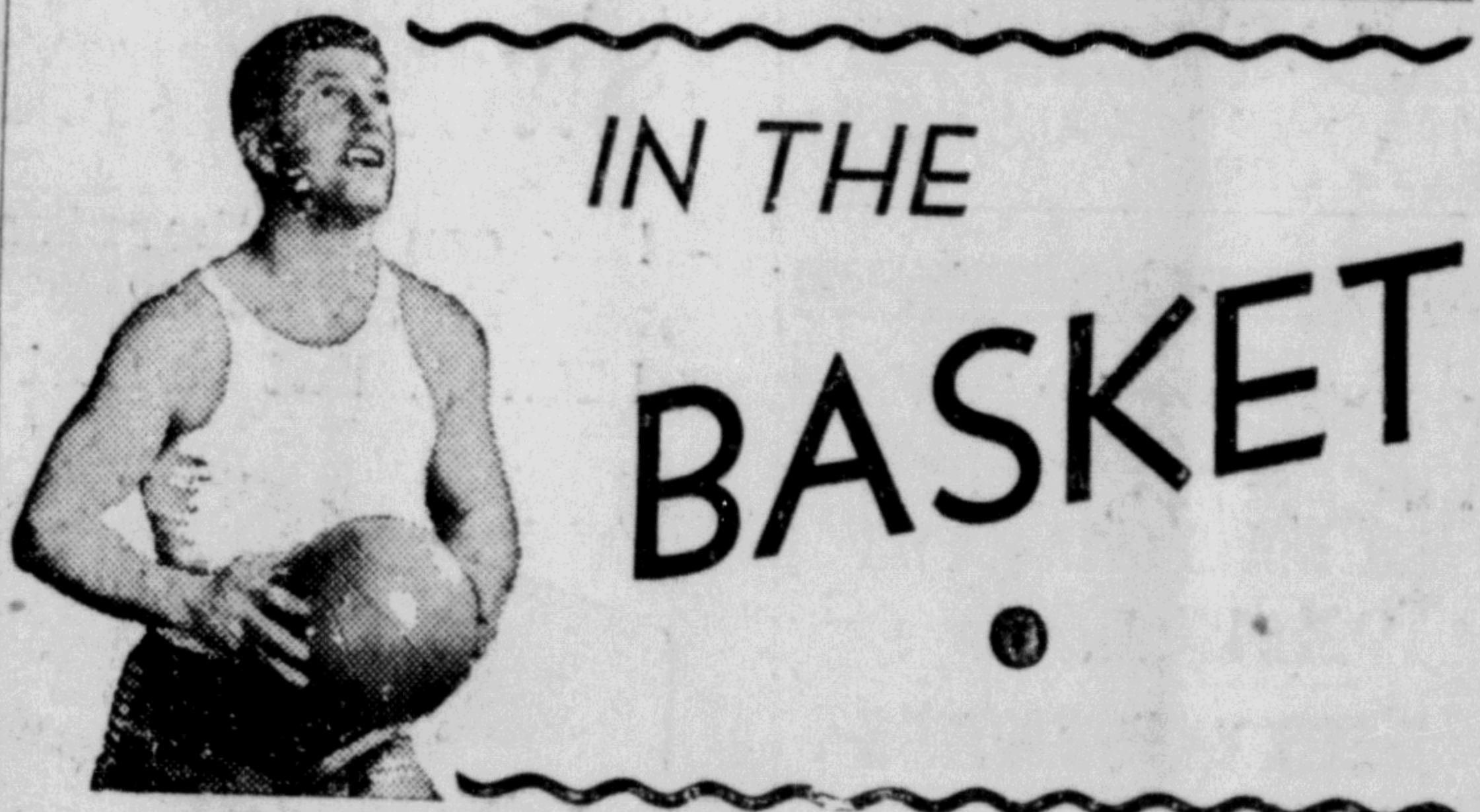
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CARROLL COLLEGE—Smart American basketball team coming here next week. Left to right: Bud Morris, Ray Feldt, Dick Waterman, Pat Kelly, Joe Reardon, Coach John Gagliardi, Walt Romasko, Vic Burt, Claude Weaver, Len Schladweiler and Don Christensen. (Art Murray tells about them in "In the Basket" column today.)



## "Fighting Saints" Awaited With Interest —Should Please Local Fans

Billed as one of the great small college teams of the United States, Carroll College "Fighting Saints" are tonight playing Western Washington at Bellingham on their way to this north country which has been their objective for some years. After two games at Bellingham they will tackle Powell River and Ocean Falls and arrive here for their first game on December 20.

Advance reports on this clever club suggest that the "Saints" would be welcome here with their particular style of play and their fast breaking operation that has made them famous. In my opinion there is nothing more crowd pleasing than a game that has action with high scoring and the visitors are now carrying a seventy point average for the present season. This style will also give our lads a much better chance to make things interesting as it has been just that type of ball that has carried us to many a victory against greater odds.

In this series we are not going to be up against any great height advantage on the part of the visitors so, if Alex Bill can talk his charges into a better than average effort, the show will be well worth Don Forward's rate of admission.

Two men on the Saints in the height division is Pat Kelly who stands a mere 6'1" which is in the midge class in most college conferences. Coach John Gagliardi, however, makes no bones about the ability of his lads to get up there and grab their share of rebounds. Yet in my opinion it will be a lot easier for

our boys to hold their own if they start even. It's sometimes a bit of a battle to grab rebounds of those big fellows that are up there already as it were and you are starting from scratch.

Don Forward is faced with the usual nightmare of finding seats for the many basketball followers hereabouts and advises that orders for tickets be placed as soon as possible. Games are on December 20 and December 27 with the American team travelling north in the interim for games with Ketchikan and New Metlakatla.

Some readers may not be aware of the fact that Angus Macphee has turned over the coaching coles of the All-Stars to Alex Bill after finding it difficult to give the boys enough time and attention.

**TOMORROW NIGHT**  
With Bo-Me-Hi at Ketchikan over the week-end, there will be no regular intermediate fixture this Saturday. Rupert Hotel and Cook's Jewellers will meet in the only preliminary to the important senior battle between Co-op and Brownwoods. I'll take Brownwoods in this meeting and if they travel as they did the other evening against Gordon and Anderson. They'll have a few more on the bandwagon before long.

Alex Bill received the good news a day or so ago that Don Hartwig may not leave as soon as expected after all and that is good news when one considers the effort Mr. Hartwig has been putting forth for his buddies

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## Sport Shots

The American League's 1950 battle for the runs-batted-in championship, contributing a statistical rarity, wound up for a second straight season with two players from the same club sharing laurels for driving runs across the plate. The co-winners this year were Vern Stephens, Red Sox shortstop, and the big Boston first base rookie star, Walt Droppo. Each drove in 144 runs. In 1949 Stephens and Ted Williams tied in this department, each having 159 rbi's. And duplicating the pattern of the runs-batted-in contest, neither Droppo or Stephens were able to smash across a run in their final game of the season, against New York's Yankees, who on the final day of the 1949 season kept Williams and Stephens from breaking their deadlock at 159 apiece.

holds. Had a word or so with young Bill Eask of Metlakatla recently and it would appear that the tall youngster from across the bay could be talked into taking a berth on one of the local senior clubs. Lacking in senior experience, Bill might take a bit of coaching and practice to get into the swing of things but he looks like a mighty potent gambler from where I sit with his eight and a clever pair of hands. Don't stampe, boys!

The club leadership in driving 30 times, three more than the Yanks second with 863.

Slugging honors went once again to Boston's Ted Williams, who slugged at a .647 pace through 89 games on 334 at bats and 216 total bases. Johnny Mize of New York was second in the slugging department with a .595 figure.

Two Cleveland sluggers shared the record for most times hit by a pitched ball, Easter and Rosen each being plunked 10 times. The unenviable record of grounding into the most double plays went to Bill Hitchcock of Philadelphia, Bill accomplishing this disappointing trick exactly

Most bases on balls were drawn by Washington's catcher, Eddie Yost, who was passed 141 times. Fern Faln of Philadelphia was second at 132. Chicago's Gus Zernke setting a new club mark by being struck out, fanning 10 times. He was the only player to pass the 100 mark in the "swish" department.

In all, 11 American League batters in more than 100 games in 1950, as compared to five who turned that trick the previous season. Yogi Berra of New York batted in 124, with 123 runs.

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