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PROVENANCE

Transferred to the Archives in 1997.

ARRANGEMENT

The Collection has been divided into three series: 1. Administrative Records, 1954-1994; 2. Scrapbooks, 1956-1974; 3. Videotapes and Films, 1973-1996. The Videotapes and films have been arranged chronologically.

AGENCY HISTORY

In May 1954, the University of Pennsylvania proposed to four other universities and colleges in the Philadelphia area--Temple University, Villanova University, LaSalle College, and St. Joseph's College--that the five schools coordinate basketball game scheduling in Philadelphia. The Palestra gymnasium of the University of Pennsylvania, it was further proposed, would be utilized and designated as the home floor for all intercollegiate games. The proposal aimed to eliminate conflicting doubleheaders, save costs of promotion and have a greater use of the Palestra facilities. In November of that year, Gaylord P. Harnwell, President of the University of Pennsylvania, formally announced on behalf of the presidents of the five schools the formation of a cooperative arrangement on basketball games involving the five institutions for a five-year period beginning with the 1955-1956 season. The cooperative program was hence referred to as the Basketball at the Palestra Program or the Big Five

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Basketball Program and the director of the Penn Department of Intercollegiate Athletics or his authorized representative was designated to be the Manager of the program. The athletic directors of the five schools met from time to time and rotated to be in chair at the meetings. They discussed game schedulings and all other matters concerning the group, such as technical details of the rules of the game, promotion, publicity by television, ticket sales, and joint initiatives with nation-wide basketball organizations.

In 1960, the five schools agreed that the program be extended for another five years. The program has been renewed many times and remains active at the present. Since 1979, the program has used a new name--the Philadelphia Big 5-- and a new logo.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection documents the operation and activities of the Philadelphia Big 5 program since its formation in 1954.

The Administrative Records series consists of correspondence and reports to and from the Business Manager of the program from 1954 to 1965, the minutes of the Big 5 athletic directors meeting from 1973 to 1996, files of the Hall of Fame program, and financial documents related to income from ticket sales and tax.

The Scrapbooks series comprise seven volumes containing news clippings of the basketball games at the Palestra gymnasium from 1956 to 1965 and two that include information on team scores and schedules from 1965 to 1974.

The Videotapes and Films series represents the bulk of the collection. There are a total of 257 broadcast quality tapes and ten film reels, which have recorded games among the teams, men or women, of the five institutions in the Philadelphia area from 1973 to 1996 and, in addition, a few games between teams of the group and outside teams.

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INVENTORY

Box 1

Administrative Records, 1954-1994

Basketball at the Palestra, correspondence and reports

FF	1	1954-1956
FF	2	1956-1960
FF	3	1960-1964
FF	4	1963-1965

Big 5 Athletic Directors' meeting, Minutes

FF	5	1973 Oct. - 1975 June
FF	6	1975 June - 1976 Jan.
FF	7	1975 Sept. - 1978 Nov.
FF	8	1976 Feb. - 1977 Dec.
FF	9	1978 Feb. - 1979 Nov.
FF	10	1979 Feb. - 1980 Mar.
FF	11	1980 Jan. - Dec.
FF	12	1980 May - 1981 Apr.
FF	13	1981 Jan. - Dec.

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Big 5 Athletic Directors' meeting, Minutes (Cont.)

FF	14		1981 Jan. - June
FF	15		1981 July - Oct.
FF	16		1981 Nov. - Dec.
FF	17		1981 Sept. - 1982 June
FF	18		1982 Jan. - Apr.
FF	19		1982 May - June
FF	20		1982 July - Aug.
FF	21		1982 Sept. - Dec.
FF	22		1982 Jan. - Dec.
FF	23		1982 May. - 1983 Dec.
FF	24		1983 Jan. - May
FF	25	1983	June- Dec.
FF	26		1983 July - 1986 Jan.

Box 2

FF	1		1984 Jan. - June
FF	2		1984 June - Dec.
FF	3		1984 Jan. - 1985 June
FF	4		1985 Jan. - June
FF	5		1986 Feb. - 1988 Oct.
FF	6	1989	May-1990 Nov.
FF	7		1991 Feb. -1993 Nov.
FF	8	1994	June-1996 June

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Hall of Fame, correspondence, etc.

FF	9	1972-1974
FF	10	1974-1976
FF	11	1976-1977
FF	12	1977-1978

Palestra contracts (basket ball)

FF	13	1955-1960
FF	14	1960-1965
FF	15	Palestra receipts, 1955-1970

Tax--statement of income from ticket sales

FF	16	1956-1958
FF	17	1957-1960

Box 3

FF	1	1960-1962
FF	2	1962-1963
FF	3	1963-1964
FF	4	1964-1966
FF	5	1966-1967
FF	6	1967-1968

Varsity Awards for various sports and events, 1957-1969

FF	7	I	
FF	8	I	I

Inventory: Scrapbooks (Newsclippings, Basketball at the Palestra), 1956-1974

Box 3

Scrapbooks (News clippings, Basket Ball at the Palestra), 1956-1974

FF 9	1956-1959
FF 10	1959-1960
FF 11	1960-1961
FF 12	1961-1962

Box 4

FF 1	1962-1963
FF 2	1963-1964
FF 3	1964-1965

Team scores and schedules

FF 4	1965-1970
FF 5	1970-1974

Videotapes and Films, 1973-1996

Bi g 5 Highlights

R 1	1973
R 2	1975
R 3	1981
R 4	1983
R 5	Temple vs. Villanova, 1982 Dec. 18, Reel 2

Box 5

Temple vs. St. Joseph's, 1983 Jan. 22

R 1	(I)
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Box 5

Temple vs. St. Joseph's, 1983 Jan. 22 (Cont.)

R 2 (II)

R 3 Villanova vs. St. Joseph's, 1983 Nov. 30, Tape 2 of 3

St. Joseph's vs. LaSalle, 1983 Dec. 6

R 4 (I)

R 5 (II)

Villanova vs. LaSalle, 1983 Dec. 17

R 6 (I)

R 7 (II)

R 8 (III)

Penn vs. St. Joseph's, 1984 Jan. 14

R 9 (I)

R 10 (I I)

Penn vs. LaSalle, 1984 Jan. 24

R 11 (I)

R 12 (I I)

Box 6

Penn vs. Villanova, 1984 Feb. 21

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

Penn vs. Temple, 1984 Dec. 8

R 3 (I)

R 4 (II)

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Box 6

LaSalle vs. St. Joseph's, 1984 Dec. 11

R 5 (I)

R 6 (II)

R 7 Temple vs. LaSalle, 1984 Dec. 15, Part 2

R 8 St. Joseph's vs. Penn, 1984 Dec. 22, Reel 3

St. Joseph's vs. Villanova, 1985 Dec. 21

R 9 (I)

R 10 (I I)

Temple vs. St. Joseph's, 1986 Jan. 9

R 11 Tape 1 of 3 [?]

R 12 Tape 2 of 2

Box 7

St. Joseph's Hawks vs. Penn Quakers, 1986 Jan. 21

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

Temple vs. St. Joseph's, 1986 Feb. 8

R 3 (I)

R 4 (II)

R 5 Temple vs. Villanova, 1986 Feb. 20, Tape 1

Temple vs. LaSalle, 1986 Dec. 2

R 6 (I)

R 7 (II)

R 8 (III)

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Box 7

- R 9 Temple vs. LaSalle, 1986 Dec. 2 , Tape One
- R 10 Temple vs. Penn, 1986 Dec. 8 , Second half
- R 11 Temple vs. Villanova, 1986 Dec. 20, Tape 2

Box 8

J ostens, 1986 Dec. 26

- R 1 (I)
- R 2 (II)
- R 3 (III)
- R 4 (I V)
- R 5 (V)

Big 5/Josten's, finals--Bradley vs. St. Joseph's, 1986 Dec. 27

- R 6 (I)
- R 7 (II)
- R 8 (III)

Penn vs. St. Joseph's, 1987 Jan. 27

- R 9 (I)
- R 10 (I I)

Villanova vs. Penn, 1987 Feb. 10

- R 11 (I)
- R 12 (I I)

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Box 9

Penn vs. LaSalle, 1987 Feb. 16

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

Villanova vs. St. Joseph's, 1987 Feb. 19

R 3 (I)

R 4 (II)

Penn vs. Villanova at DuPont Pavilion, 1987 Dec. 2

R 5 (I)

R 6 (II)

Penn vs. LaSalle, 1987 Dec. 5

R 7 (I)

R 8 (II)

Temple vs. St. Joseph's, 1987 Dec. 10

R 9 (I)

R 10 (I I)

St. Joseph's vs. Villanova, 1987 Dec. 11

R 11 (I)

R 12 (I I)

Box 10

Canisius vs. Wake Forest (Josten's Game One), 1987 Dec. 18

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

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Box 10

- R 3 LaSalle vs. Villanova (Josten's Game Two), 1987 Dec. 18, Tape 1
 Villanova vs. Wake Forest (Josten's Final), 1987 Dec. 19
- R 4 (I)
- R 5 (II)
- Temple vs. Penn, 1988 Jan. 6
- R 6 (I)
- R 7 (II)
- LaSalle vs. Temple, 1988 Jan. 14
- R 8 (I)
- R 9 (II)
- St. Joseph's vs. LaSalle, 1988 Jan. 19
- R 10 (I)
- R 11 (II)
- R 12 Thurs Breaks #1-4, 1988 Jan. 21, First half

Box 11

- LaSalle vs. Manhattan, 1988 Mar. 2
- R 1 (I)
- R 2 (II)
- Temple vs. St. Joseph's, 1988 Mar. 2
- R 3 (I)
- R 4 (II)

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Box 11

LaSalle vs. St. Joseph's, 1988 Dec. 5

R 5 (I)

R 6 (II)

Villanova vs. Penn, 1988 Dec. 6

R 7 (I)

R 8 (II)

Long Beach State vs. Drexel, 1988 Dec. 9

R 9 (I)

R 10 (I I)

LaSalle vs. Penn (Josten's Tournament), 1988 Dec. 9

R 11 Reel 3

R 12 Reel 5

Box 12

LaSalle vs. Long Beach State, Josten's Final, 1988 Dec. 10

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

R 3 LaSalle vs. Villanova, 1988 Dec. 17, First half, Tape 2

Temple vs. LaSalle, at Palestra, 1989 Jan. 4

R 4 (I)

R 5 (II)

St. Joseph's vs. Penn (men), 1989 Jan. 16

R 6 (I)

R 7 (II)

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Box 12

Penn vs. St. Joseph's at Palestra, 1989 Jan. 17

R 8 F first half

R 9 Second half

Villanova vs. St. Joseph's, Men's Hoops, 1989 Jan. 24

R 10 (I)

R 11 (I I)

R 12 Villanova vs. St. Joseph's (men's hoops), 1989 Jan. 24, Tape Two

Box 13

Penn vs. Temple, 1989 Jan. 31

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

St. Joseph's vs. Temple, 1989 Feb. 2

R 4 Tape One

R 3 Tape 2 [?]

Drexel vs. St. Joseph's (men), 1989 Nov. 28

R 5 (I)

R 6 (II)

Temple vs. Penn (men), 1989 Nov. 28

R 7 (I)

R 8 (II)

Penn vs. LaSalle (women), 1989 Dec. 11

R 9 (I)

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Box 13

Penn vs. LaSalle (women), 1989 Dec. 11 (Cont.)

R 10 (I I)

R 11 Penn vs. LaSalle (men), 1989 Dec. 11, Tape 2

Box 14

St. Joseph's vs. Temple (men), 1989 Dec. 12

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

Villanova vs. LaSalle (men), 1989 Dec. 21

R 3 (I)

R 4 (II)

LaSalle vs. Temple, 1990 Jan. 3

R 5 Tape 1

R 6 Tape 2

Loyola Marymount vs. St. Joseph's, 1990 Jan. 4

R 7 (I)

R 8 (II)

St. Joseph's vs. Villanova (men), 1990 Jan. 20

R 9 (I)

R 10 (II)

St. Joseph's vs. Villanova (women), 1990 Jan. 20

R 11 (I)

R 12 (I I)

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Box 15

Temple vs. St. Joseph's (men), 1990 Jan. 31

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

Temple vs. St. Joseph's (women), 1990 Jan. 31

R 3 (I)

R 4 (II)

Princeton vs. Penn (men), 1990 Feb. 6

R 5 (I)

R 6 (II)

R 7 LaSalle vs. St. Joseph's, 1990 Feb. 12, Tape 2

Villanova vs. Temple (men), 1990 Feb. 21

R 8 (I)

R 9 (II)

Temple vs. Villanova, 1990 Nov. 29

R 10 (I)

R 11 (I I)

LaSalle vs. Penn (men), 1990 Dec. 1

R 12 (I)

R 13 (I I)

Box 16

Villanova vs. Penn (men), 1990 Dec. 4

R 1 (I)

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Box 16

Villanova vs. Penn (men), 1990 Dec. 4 (Cont.)

R 2 (II)

Villanova vs. St. Joseph's (men), 1990 Dec. 8

R 3 (I)

R 4 (II)

R 5 (III)

LaSalle vs. Villanova (men), 1990 Dec. 22

R 6 (I)

R 7 (II)

LaSalle vs. Villanova (women), 1990 Dec. 22

R 8 (I)

R 9 (II)

Penn vs. Temple (men), 1991 Jan. 3

R 10 (I)

R 11 (I I)

R 12 Temple vs. LaSalle, 1991 Jan. 5 , Tape 2

Box 17

Penn vs. St. Joseph's (men), 1991 Jan. 16

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

Temple vs. St. Joseph's (men), 1991 Feb. 4

R 3 (I)

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Box 17

Temple vs. St. Joseph's (men), 1991 Feb. 4 (Cont.)

R 4 (II)

Temple vs. St. Joseph's (women), 1991 Feb. 4

R 5 (I)

R 6 (II)

St. Joseph's vs. LaSalle (men), 1991 Feb. 16

R 7 (I)

R 8 (II)

Temple vs. Penn (men), 1991 Dec. 3

R 9 (I)

R 10 (I I)

Temple vs. Penn (women), 1991 Dec. 3

R 11 (I)

R 12 (I I)

Box 18

Penn vs. St. Joseph's (men), 1991 Dec. 9

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

R 3 St. Joseph's vs. Penn (men), Villanova vs. LaSalle (men), 1991 Dec. 9 ,
Tape 3

Villanova vs. LaSalle (men), 1991 Dec. 9

R 4 Tape 4

R 5 Tape 5

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Princeton vs. LaSalle (men), 1991 Dec. 21

R 6 (I)

R 7 (II)

Villanova vs. LaSalle (women), 1991 Dec. 21

R 8 (I)

R 9 (II)

LaSalle vs. Penn (men), 1992 Jan. 19

R 10 (I)

R 11 (I I)

St. Joseph's vs. Temple, 1992 Jan. 19

R 12 (I)

R 13 (I I)

Box 19

St. Joseph's vs. Temple (women), 1992 Feb. 1

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

Temple vs. Villanova (men), 1992 Feb. 1

R 3 (I)

R 4 (II)

Princeton vs. Penn (men), 1992 Feb. 4

R 5 (I)

R 6 (II)

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Box 19

Princeton vs. Penn (women), 1992 Feb. 4

R 7 (I)

R 8 (II)

LaSalle vs. St. Joseph's (men), 1992 Feb. 11

R 9 (I)

R 10 (I I)

Penn vs. LaSalle (men), 1992 Dec. 8

R 11 (I)

R 12 (I I)

Box 20

Temple vs. LaSalle (women), 1992 Dec. 8

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

R 3 (III)

LaSalle vs. Temple (men), 1992 Dec. 15

R 4 (I)

R 5 (II)

R 6 (III)

Penn vs. Villanova (men), 1992 Dec. 15

R 7 (I)

R 8 (II)

St. Joseph's vs. LaSalle, 1993 Jan. 19

R 9 (I)

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Box 20

St. Joseph's vs. LaSalle, 1993 Jan. 19 (Cont.)

R 10 (I I)

Temple vs. Penn, 1993 Jan. 19

R 11 (I)

R 12 (I I)

Box 21

St. Joseph's vs. Penn (men), 1993 Jan. 25

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

Villanova vs. Penn (women), 1993 Jan. 25

R 3 (I)

R 4 (II)

Princeton vs. Penn (men), 1993 Jan. 30

R 5 (I)

R 6 (II)

Villanova vs. St. Joseph's, 1993 Feb. 6

R 7 (I)

R 8 (II)

Penn vs. Temple, 1994 Jan. 11

R 9 (I)

R 10 (I I)

Penn vs. Temple (women), 1994 Jan. 11

R 11 (I)

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Box 21

Penn vs. Temple (women), 1994 Jan. 11 (Cont.)

R 12 (I I)

Box 22

Loyola-Chicago vs. LaSalle (women), 1994 Jan. 12

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

R 3 St. Joseph's vs. LaSalle, 1994 Jan. 12, Tape 3

Penn vs. Villanova (women), 1994 Jan. 20

R 4 (I)

R 5 (II)

Temple vs. LaSalle, 1994 Jan. 20

R 6 (I)

R 7 (II)

Penn vs. LaSalle (men), 1994 Jan. 25

R 8 (I)

R 9 (II)

Temple vs. St. Joseph's, 1994 Jan. 25

R 10 (I)

R 11 (I I)

LaSalle vs. Penn (women), 1994 Dec. 1

R 12 (I)

R 13 (I I)

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Box 22

R 14 Villanova vs. St. Joseph's (women), 1994 Dec. 1 , Tape 1

Box 23

St. Joseph's vs. Villanova, 1994 Dec. 18

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

St. Joseph's vs. LaSalle, 1995 Jan. 23

R 3 (I)

R 4 (II)

LaSalle vs. Temple, 1995 Feb. 7

R 5 (I)

R 6 (II)

Delaware vs. Drexel, 1996 Jan. 16

R 7 (I)

R 8 (II)

St. Joseph's vs. Penn, 1996 Jan. 16

R 9 (I)

R 10 (I I)

Box 24

LaSalle vs. St. Joseph's, 1996 Jan. 20

R 1 (I)

R 2 (II)

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Box 24

Temple vs. LaSalle, 1996 Jan. 23

R 3 (I)

R 4 (II)

Boston vs. Drexel, 1996 Jan. 26

R 5 (I)

R 6 (II)

Penn vs. LaSalle, 1996 Jan. 27

R 7 (I)

R 8 (II)

Temple vs. St. Joseph's, 1996 Jan. 27

R 9 (I)

R 10 (II)

R 11 Temple vs. Penn, 1996 Feb. 20, Tape 1

LaSalle vs Temple, 1997 Nov. 11

R 12 (I)

R 13 (I I)

R 14 LaSalle vs Villanova, 1997 Nov. 11

Villanova vs Penn, 1997 Nov. 11

R 15 (I)

R 16 (I I)

Box 25

LaSalle vs. Penn, n.d.

R 1 (I)

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- LaSalle vs. Penn, n.d. (Cont.)
- R 2 (II)
- R 3 Penn vs. St. Joseph's, n.d., Reel Two
St. Joseph's vs. Drexel, n.d.
- R 4 (I)
- R 5 (II)
- R 6 St. Joseph's vs. LaSalle, n.d. Tape 1
St. Joseph's vs. Penn, n.d.
- R 7 (I)
- R 8 (II)
- R 9 Temple vs. Penn, n.d., First half
- R 10 Temple vs. St. Joseph's, n.d., Reel One
- R 11 Temple vs. Villanova, n.d. Second half
- R 12 NCAA, 1971-1972, Penn vs. N. Carolina
- R 13 NCAA, 1979, Final Four Film--Michigan State, Indiana State, DePaul,
Penn

Box 26

- R 1 Films, LaSalle vs. Villanova, 1969 Mar. 10, Part I
- R 2 Films, LaSalle vs. Villanova, 1969 Mar. 10, Part II
- R 3 Films, 1972 Basketball Championships--Penn vs. North Carolina, silent
print, 1972
- R 4 Films, no title, 1973
- R 5 1979 National Collegiate Basketball Championship, "Spartan Magic"
- R 6 Films, Big Five Basketball, 1981

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R 7 Films, Big Five Basketball, 1983

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R 1 Films, no title, no date

R 2 Films, no title, no date

R 3 Films, no title, no date

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