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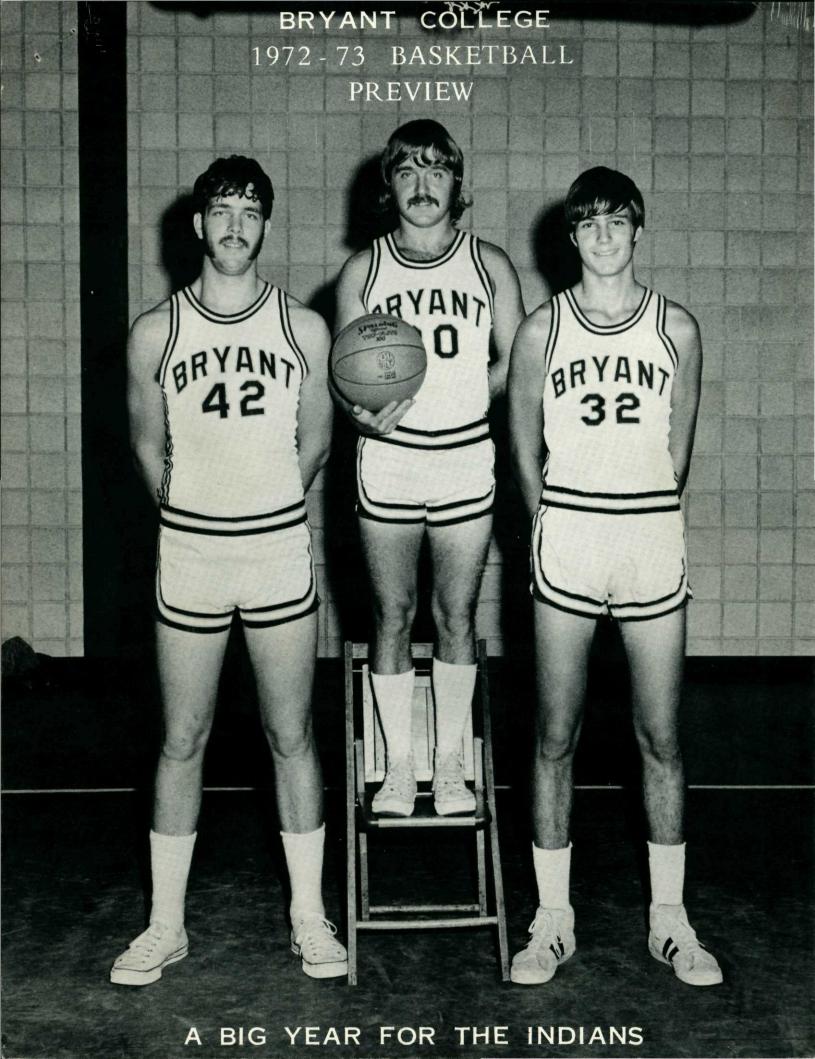
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MESSAGE TO THE MEDIA

This basketball preview has been prepared by the Bryant College Sports Information Department to assist members of the media in their preparation of pre-season college basketball forecasts. The 1972-73 Bryant basketball program and yearbook with more detailed information on this year's varsity team will be available on December 1.

For additional information and/or material, please contact John Gillooly, Director of Sports Information, (401) 231-1200, ext. 336, 337.

We hope the enclosed information will be helpful in your preparation for another season of collegiate basketball.











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Cover Photo

The cover photo on this year's Bryant Basketball Preview gives an indication why Bryant fans think it is going to be a "Big Year For The Indians". Senior Brian Ahern, the Most Valuable Player in last year's Bryant Holiday Tournament needs the help of a chair to match the height of two freshmen standouts on this year's squad, Charlie Armstrong and Dave Sorafine.

Ahern measured in at 5-9 while Armstrong is a foot taller at 6-9 and Sorafine is right behind a 6-8½.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT BRYANT

Location -- Smithfield, R.I.

Enrollment -- 2,500

President -- Dr. Harry Evarts

Chairman of the Board of Trustees -- Clarence H. Gifford

Vice President of Student Affairs -- Dr. Barry Fullerton

Athletic Director -- Thomas Folliard

Assistant Athletic Director -- Leon Drury

Sports Information Director -- John Gillooly

Gymnasium Manager -- Joseph Fowlkes

Athletic Department Secretary -- Elaine DiCandio

Varsity Basketball Coach -- Tom Folliard

Assistant Varsity Coach -- Leon Drury

Junior Varsity Coach -- Joseph Fowlkes

1972-73 Varsity Co-Captains -- Ray Depelteau, Bruce Stewart

Nickname -- Indians

Colors -- Black and Gold

Phone-- (401) 231,1200 ext. 336,337,338

Home Court -- Bryant Gymnasium

Seating Capacity -- 2,700

Track & Cross Country Coach -- Fred Reinhardt

Soccer Coach -- Gerald Guay

Golf Coach -- Arthur Boulet

Tennis Coach -- John Gillooly

Baseball Coach -- Steve Thornton

BRYANT'S NEW HOME

This season marks the second year for the Bryant Indians at their new home in Smithfield, R.I. Last fall after 108 years in the city of Providence the College made a historical move to a new 220 acre campus in this scenic northern Rhode Island community.

Included on this beautiful suburban campus is an ultra-modern dormitory village containing 13 dormitories for approximately 1150 resident students; the college "unistructure", a large space-age building containing a vast central dome, 55 classrooms, science labs, lecture halls, an auditorium seating 500, faculty offices for 88, an administrative wing, three-story library planned to accomodate 100,000 volumes and 400 reading stations, dormitory dining room for 800, faculty dinning room for 250, snack bar for 300, indoor swimming pool with locker rooms and sauna baths, game rooms, bowling alleys, bookstore, barber shop, beauty parlor and other student services.

But to the sports enthusiast the most important feature of the new campus is the more than 25 acres of athletic facilities. The center of the athletic complex is a 1.2 million-dollar tartan-surfaced gymnasium complete with sauna baths, men's and women's exercise rooms, weight rooms, three basketball courts and athletic department offices.

However the gymnasium is only part of the athletic facilities available to the nearly 4,000 full and part-time Bryant students. Other athletic features include a six-line all-weather running track, six tennis courts, newly constructed baseball and soccer fields, a five-mile cross country course and several softball and football fields for intramural activities.

Despite enjoying all the benefits of a country setting the campus still is within a few minutes drive of two of Rhode Island's largest cities Providence and Woonsocket. In addition a network of modern, super highways connects the new campus to the major turnpikes in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut. It is only 47 miles from Boston, 32 miles from Worcester, 74 miles from Hartford and 195 miles from New York City.

SEASON OUTLOOK

When you have 10 returning lettermen and eight outstanding freshmen prospects including a 6-9 and another $6-8\frac{1}{2}$ you can't help but feel optimistic about a successful season.

That's the pleasant situation Bryant head coach Tom Folliard finds himself in at the outset of the 1972-73 season.

Folliard has the top three scorers, the top three rebounders and the number one playmaker from last year's Naismith Conference co-championship squad back for another campaign this season. And to make things even more encouraging he finally has that all-important big man.

One of the main reasons for Folliard's optimism is the return of senior Ray Depelteau. The 6-4 forward from Holyoke, Mass. was both the Indians scoring and rebounding leader last season with a 15.2 scoring average and 11.7 rebounding mark.

But Depelteau is only one of the big men in the Indians' attach this season. Directing the offense from the backcourt once again this year will be a trio of talented ballhandlers, Brian Ahern, Frank McCormack and Ned Bohan. Ahern possessed the second highest scoring average last season with a 14.2 mark while McCormack and Bohan compiled 7.9 and 7.2 averages respectively.

Teaming with Depelteau at the other forward spot once again this season will be senior Bruce Stewart. The 6-3 Washington, D.C. native was second to Depelteau in both total points and total rebounds last season. Together the duo gives the Indians an awesome scoring attack up front.

The new big men are freshmen Charlie Armstrong and Dave Sorafine. Armstrong is a 6-9, 230 pounder from Waterbury, Conn., where he led Kaynor Tech to three consecutive Mattatuck Conference championships. Sorafine is a $6-8\frac{1}{2}$ center from North Providence, R.I. An excellent shooter for a big man he averaged over 20 points per game last year for North Providence High.

THE BRYANT HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

It isn't quite the Holiday Festival in Madison Square Garden. But in just three years it has become one of the top collegiate holiday events in New England.

It's the Bryant Holiday Tournament and on December 29 and 30 the third edition of this collegiate special will be staged at the Indian's Smithfield campus.

The field for this year's tourney includes Clark University of Worcester, Mass., St. Michael's College of Winooski, Vt., Bentley College of Waltham, Mass., and the host Bryant Indians.

All three of the visiting teams will be making their first appearance in the tournament. Bentley, runner-up in last year's NCAA Northeast regional college playoffs and Clark will get the tournament activities underway at 7 o'clock on Friday night. The host Bryant Indians will open defense of their tournament title against St. Michael's in the second game of the opening round doubleheader at 9 p.m.

Last year Bryant captured the title with a stunning 80-69 triumph over 1970 champion Stonehill in the title game. In the consolation tilt last year Middlebury captured the third place trophy with a 73-64 decision over Colby.

Plans are already underway for the 1973 tournament. The field for next year's event is already three-quarters filled with Springfield and Hartwick planning to join the Indians and a yet to be named fourth team in the two-day affair.

1972-73 Varsity Schedule

| DAY OF WEEK | DATE | TIME | PLACE | OPPONENT |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|---|
| FRI. | 12/1 | 8:15 | Away | Quinnipiac |
| MON. | 12/4 | 8:00 | Home | Barrington |
| SAT. | 12/9 | 8:00 | Home | Southeastern Mass. Univ. |
| MON. | 12/11 | 8:00 | Home | Nichols |
| FRI. | 12/15 | 7:30 | Away | Nasson |
| SAT. | 12/16 | 8:00 | Away | St. Francis |
| FRI. | 12/29 | 7 & 9 | Home . | Holiday Tournament- Bentley vs. Clark St. Michael's vs. Bryant |
| SAT. | 12/30 | 7 & 9 | Ноте | Holiday Tournament-Consolation Game and Championship Game |
| THURS. | 1/4 | 8:00 | Away | Armstrong State |
| WED. | 1/10 | 8:00 | Away | Fort Lauderdale |
| THURS. | 1/18 | 8:00 | Away | University of Maine-Pogo |
| TUES. | 1/23 | 8:00 | Away | Gordon |
| FRI. | 1/26 | 3:00 | Away | Suffolk |
| MON. | 1/29 | 8:00 | Away | Southeastern Mass. University |
| WED. | 1/31 | 8:00 | Home | Quinnipiac |
| SAT. | 2/3 | 8:00 | Home | Nasson |
| TUES. | 2/6 | 8:00 | Away | Barrington |
| THURS. | 2/8 | 8:00 | Home | New Haven |
| SAT. | 2/10 | 8:00 | Away | Babson |
| MON. | 2/12 | 6:00 | Away | Rhode Island College |
| THURS. | 2/15 | 8:00 | Home | Gordon |
| SAT. | 2/17 | 8:00 | Home | St. Francis |
| FRI. | 2/23 | 8:00 | Away | Bent1ey |
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach---- Tom Folliard

Tom is beginning his fifth season as the Indians head coach. During his four-year tenure he has compiled an impressive 64-36 win-lost mark, highlighted by two Naismith Conference co-championships, three berths in the N.A.I.A. regional playoffs and the 1972 Bryant Holiday Tournament championship.

A 1962 graduate of Providence College he played three years under former PC coach Joe Mullaney and was a member of the Friars 1962 N.I.T. championship team.

In addition to guiding the Indians hoop squad the Washington, D.C. native also is the Bryant Athletic Director.

Assistant Coach---- Leon Drury

This will be Lee's first year at Bryant. He joined the Bryant staff this fall after serving three years as the Brown University freshmen basketball coach.

A graduate of Springfield College, he was co-captain of the 1965-66 Springfield basketball squad. In addition to his three years at Brown he also served as the assistant basketball coach at Springfield in 1967 and as athletic director and head basketball coach at Litchfield, Conn. High from 1967 to 1969.

Junior Varsity Coach---- Joe Fowlkes

Joe joined the Bryant staff in 1971. Last season he guided the junior varsity squad to a 9-11 mark including six triumphs in the last eight games of the season.

A former professional football player Joe played in both the Canadian League and the Atlantic Coast Conference. In addition to his coaching duties Joe also serves as the head trainer for the Indians athletic program.

PLAYER PROFILES

Returning Veterans

CO-CAPTAIN- RAY DEPELTEAU

Senior, Forward, 6-4, Holyoke, Mass.

Ray is one of the leading college division players in the East. Last season he received recognition on both the Associated Press and the United Press International's All New England teams in addition to being named to two ECAC weekly All-East teams, the Naismith Conference All-Star team, and the Bryant Holiday Tournament All-Tourney team.

He led the Indians in just about every department including total points, scoring average and rebounding despite a midseason injury which limited his playing time in several games.

In two years of varsity competition he has tallied 670 points and should become the fifth member of the Bryant "1000 point" club sometime this season.

1971-72 Statistics

| G | FG | FT | Pts. | Avg. | Rebs. | Avg. |
|----|-----|----|------|------|-------|------|
| 23 | 128 | 78 | 334 | 15.2 | 257 | 11.7 |

CO-CAPTAIN- BRUCE STEWART

Senior, 6-3, Forward, Washington, D.C.

Like Ray Depelteau, Bruce has been a starter since his sophomore year. If he can duplicate last year's average of better than 12 points per game he also will join the select "1000 point" club this season.

An excellent rebounder he is expecially effective from close range. Last season he was second to Depelteau in both total points and total rebounds.

He is expected to fill one of the starting forward spots once again this season.

1971-72 Statistics

| G | FG | FT | Pts. | Avg. | Rebs. | Avg. |
|----|-----|----|------|------|-------|------|
| 23 | 113 | 58 | 284 | 12.4 | 222 | 9.7 |

BRIAN AHERN

Senior, 5-9, Guard, Providence, R.I.

Brian became one of the Indians top performers last season after transferring from Rhode Island Junior College. His top effort of the season came in the Holiday Tournament when he led the Indians to the tournament title with 39 points in two games. His outstanding performance earned him the tournament's M.V.P. honors.

A great ballhandler and outside shooter he had the second highest scoring average on the team last season, 14.2 and the top field goal shooting percentage, .586.

1971-72 Statistics

| G | FG | FT | Pts. | Avg. | Rebs. | Avg. |
|----|----|----|------|------|-------|------|
| 17 | 94 | 55 | 243 | 14.2 | 26 | 1.5 |

FRANK McCORMACK

Senior, 5-9, Guard, Leominster, Mass.

Frank came to Bryant last season after an outstanding junior college career at Becker Junior College. By mid-season he earned a starting berth in the Indians backcourt. An excellent ballhandler and outside shooter he averaged just under eight points per game last season.

1971-72 Statistics

| G | FG | FT | Pts. | Avg. | Rebs. | Avg. |
|----|----|----|------|------|-------|------|
| 22 | 73 | 27 | 173 | 7.9 | 36 | 1.5 |

HENRY GONZALEZ

Senior, 6-3, Forward, Philadelphia, Pa.

Henry registered the second highest rebounding average on the team last season. He moved up from the junior varsity at the start of the season and by midseason he was one of the top players on the squad.

He averaged almost 10 points and over 10 rebounds per game during the second half of the season. His aggressive style of play also makes him one of the top defensive players on the team.

1971-72 Statistics

| G | FG | FT | Pts. | Avg. | Rebs. | Avg. |
|----|----|----|------|------|-------|------|
| 16 | 38 | 13 | 89 | 5.5 | 160 | 10.0 |

EDWARD "NED" BOHAN

Sophomore, 5-8, Guard, Providence, R.I.

Ned was the top playmaker on last year's squad. An excellent ballhandler he combined with Brian Ahern and Frank McCormack to give the Indians one of the top backcourt groups in New England. In addition to setting up the plays he also averaged over seven points per game as a freshman last season. The former La Salle Academy graduate suffered a broken wrist earlier this fall, but he is expected to be completely recovered by the start of the season.

1971-72 Statistics

| G | FG | FT Pts. | | Avg. | Rebs. | Avg. |
|----|----|---------|----|------|-------|------|
| 22 | 55 | 47 | 57 | 7.2 | 50 | 2.2 |

RICHARD LENSE

Senior, 6-6, Center, Great Neck, N.Y.

Richard is one of the leading candidates for the starting centerman spot this season. Last season he saw action in over half of the Indians 23 games. His rebounding ability on both the offensive and defensive boards should strengthen the Indians attack.

1971-72 Statistics

| G | FG | FT | Pts. | Avg. | Rebs. | Avg. |
|----|----|----|------|------|-------|------|
| 12 | 12 | 5 | 29 | 2.4 | 34 | 2.8 |

BOB MOLL

Sophomore, 6-6, Center, Fairfield, Conn.

Bob could be a vital cog in the Indians attack this season. The 6-6 sophomore gained valuable varsity experience last season and coach Tom Folliard is looking for a big year from the Fairfield, Conn. native. He is expected to battle senior Richard Lense and freshmen Charlie Armstrong and Dave Sorafine for the starting center spot.

1971-72 Statistics

| G | FG | FT | Pts. | Avg. | Rebs. | Avg. |
|---|----|----|------|------|-------|------|
| 6 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 1.5 | 18 | 3.0 |

RICHARD SHANLEY

Junior, 5-11, Forward, Danbury, Conn.

Rick saw action in seven varsity games last season. An extremely aggressive player he could strengthen the Indians defensive aliment this season.

BILL GOUDAILLER

Junior, 5-7, Guard, Warwick, R.I.

Bill was the top player on last year's junior varsity squad. An excellent ballhandler and outside shooter he could provide valuable depth in the Indians backcourt this season.

TOP FRESHMEN CANDIDATES

Charlie Armstrong

6-10, Center, Waterbury, Conn.

At 6-10 and 230 pounds Charlie is one of the biggest men to ever play for Bryant. His size should give the Indians the rebounding strength needed to compliment the scoring of Ray Depelteau, Bruce Stewart and Brian Ahern. He is a gradute of Kaynor Tech in Waterbury, Conn. where he played on three Mattatuck Conference championship teams.

BOB HAMMEL

6-3, Guard, Scarsdale, N.Y.

An all-county selection at Archbishop Stepinac High in White Plains, N.Y., Bob is an extremely versatile player. He could see action either up front at a forward spot or in the backcourt this season. The Scarsdale, N.Y. native is the younger brother of Bentley College stars Bert and Brian Hammel.

DAVE SORAFINE

6-8, Center, North Providence, R.I.

Dave was the premier big man in the Rhode Island schoolboy ranks last season. He averaged over 20 points per game in leading North Providence High to the state Class B semifinals. An excellent outside shooter for a big man he possesses the talent to be a top collegiate player within a few years.

TOM DUPONT

6-2, Guard, Waterbury, Conn.

A top athlete and student Tommy was named both the outstanding basketball player and the scholar-athlete in the city of Waterbury last year. He is an excellent ballhandler and could add some valuable depth to the Indians backcourt this season.

PAUL MELVIN

6-5, Forward, Danbury, Conn.

Paul was an All-New England Interscholastic selection at Danbury, Conn. High last year. The 6-5 forward possesses good scoring and rebounding ability and should develop into a top flight collegiate player with experience.

JOHN FEELEY

Guard, Belmont, Mass.

John was a three-sport man at Belmont High. He won a total of seven varsity letters during his three year interscholastic career, three in soccer, two in basket-ball and two in baseball. An excellent ballhandler and outside shooter he has been extremely impressive in early season workouts.

ROGER SAMSON

Guard, Central Falls, R.I.

Roger was an All Class A selection at Mt. St. Charles Academy last year. The 5-10 playmaker was the leading scorer on the Mounts Class A Eastern Division co-champions and led the Mounties to the semifinal round of the state Interscholastic playoffs.

BOB PENTA

Guard, Everett, Mass.

Bob was a standout performer for both Everett High and Bridgton Academy. He led Bridgton to the Maine state prep school championship last season and runner-up honors in the New England prep tournament. A good shooter and ballhandler he could see action in both the backcourt and up front this season.

JOSEPH SCHMELTZ

6-6 Forward, Danbury, Conn.

Joe is an extremely aggressive player that should develop into a top collegiate player with a few years of experience. At 6-6 and 210 pounds he is a valuable asset under the boards.

BASKETBALL ROSTER

| NAME | POSITION | CLASS | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | HOMETOWN |
|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| NED BOHAN | G | Soph. | 5' 8" | 149 | Providence, RI |
| ROBERT HAMMEL | G | Frosh | 6' 3" | 175 | Scarsdale, NY |
| ROBERT MOLL | С | Soph. | 6' 6" | 205 | Fairfield, CT |
| RAYMOND DEPELTEAU | F | Senior | 6' 4" | 175 | Holyoke, MA |
| BRUCE STEWART | F | Senior | 6' 3" | 185 | Washington, DC |
| FRANK McCORMACK | G | Senior | 5' 9" | 148 | Leominster, MA |
| BRIAN AHERN | G | Senior | 5' 9" | 165 | Providence, RI |
| HENRY GONZALEZ | F | Senior | 6' 4" | 190 | Philadelphia, PA |
| RICHARD LENSE | С | Senior | 6' 6" | 190 | Great Neck, NY |
| THOMAS DUPONT | G | Frosh | 6' 2" | 180 | Waterbury, CT |
| CHARLES ARMSTRONG | С | Frosh | 6' 9" | 238 | Waterbury, CT |
| JOHN FEELEY | G | Frosh | 5'10" | 157 | Belmont, MA |
| PAUL MELVIN | F | Frosh | 6' 5" | 184 | Waterbury, CT |
| ROGER SAMSON | G | Frosh | 5' 9" | 160 | Central Falls, RI |
| DAVID SORAFINE | С | Frosh | 6' 8" | 190 | No. Providence, RI |
| RICHARD SHANLEY | F | Junior | 5'11" | 178 | Danbury, CT |
| JOSEPH SCHMELTZ | F | Frosh | 6' 6" | 215 | Danbury, CT |
| PAUL FITZGERALD | F | Soph. | 6' 3" | 174 | Providence, RI |
| ROBERT PENTA | F | Frosh | 6' 3" | 189 | Everett, MA |
| JOSEPH COONEY | C | Soph. | 6' 3" | 195 | Cranston, RI |
| BILL GOUDAILLER | G | Junior | 5' 7" | 156 | Warwick, RI |

OPPOSITION PREVIEW

Armstrong State

January 4th at Savannah, Georgia

Head Coach -- Bill Alexander

With virtually his entire starting team returning from last season coach Bill Alexander expects this to be one of the top seasons in Armstrong State history. Sophomore Sam Berry, who rewrote the Armstrong record books last season is expected to be the mainstay of the Pirates offense again this year. The 6-8 center collected 27 points and almost 16 rebounds per game in leading the Pirates to a 20-10 mark last season. Joining Berry once again this season will be 6-4 guard Don Williams and 6-5 forward Ron Hancock, who averaged 18 and 12 ppg respectively last season.

BARRINGTON

Dacember 4 at Bryant, February 6 at Barrington
Head Coach-- Jack Augustine

Coach Jack Augustine still lacks the big man needed to make the Warriors a big winner. But with last year's Naismith Conference scoring champion Daryl Lane and seven other lettermen returning there should be an improvement upon last season's 7-18 record. In addition to Lane, who averaged 24 points per game, Augustine will have three other veterans who averaged in double figures a year ago, Roger Curry, 16.4, Tom Donovan 11.9, and Wayne Slappy 11.6.

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

February 12 at the Providence Civic Center Head Coach-- Bill Baird

Coach Bill Baird is faced with the problems of finding replacements for N.A.I.A. All-American Rick Wilson and big Karl Augenstein. Wilson and Augenstein were the mainstay of last year's squad with 25.0 and 19.2 scoring averages respectively. The top candidate to fill the gap left by the graduation of Wilson and Augenstein is junior Jerry Suggs. The 6-9 Pawtucket, R.I. native averaged 11.2 points and over 12 rebounds per game last season. He possesses the potential to be one of the top collegiate players in New England and could be the determining factor in the Anchormen's success hopes this season. In addition to Suggs, Baird has four other lettermen returning for the 1972-73 season. Sophomore Elbert Hines, a 6-3 guard, is the top scorer among the group with a 11.7 average last season.

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS UNIVERSITY

December 12 at Bryant, January 29 at North Dartmouth, Mass.

Head Coach -- Bruce Wheeler

Bruce Wheeler has one of the most talented teams in SMU history at his disposal as he begins his first season at the helm of the Corsairs. With 10 returning lettermen and a host of outstanding freshmen the Corsairs should go over the 500 mark for the first time in four years. Veterans Kevin Phalen, 21.8 ppg last season, Billy Edwards 16.3 and Mike Roy 13.4 should be the big men in the Corsairs' attack. In addition 6-10 freshman Dave Pocknett should provide needed rebounding strength.

NASSON

December 15 at Springvale, Maine, February 3 at Bryant
Head Coach- Jim Stephenson

The Lions are expected to be one of the top contenders for this year's Naismith Conference title. Coach Jim Stephenson has five lettermen from last year's squad including Bob Odell and Al Pike a pair of big sophomore forwards, who averaged 15 points a piece last season. In addition Stephenson has three outstanding freshmen prospects in 6-6 Jeff Wells, 6-6 Ken Don, and 6-1 Tom Odon.

ST. MICHAEL'S

December 29-Holiday Tournament
Head Coach- Walt Baumann

The Knights and Indians will be meeting for the first time in the opening round of the Holiday Tournament on December 29. Coach Walt Baumann has four lettermen returning from last year's squad which posted a 13-12 seasonal mark.

Leading the attack will be junior Fran Laffin. The 6-4 forward was the Knights top scorer last season with a 22.0 average. Joining Laffin will be two other lettermen who hit in double figures last season, Bob Toner 13.3 and Gene Cizynski, 12.7.

ST. FRANCIS

December 16 at Biddeford, Maine, February 17 at Bryant Head Coach- Jim Beaudry

In addition to losing four lettermen through graduation the Red Knights will be without the services of big Tony Williams this season. The 1972 N.A.I.A. national rebounding champion dropped out of school after the spring semester with two years of eligibility remaining. Consequently coach Jim Beaudry is faced with the task of finding replacements for both Williams and last year's top scorer, Brian McBride, who graduated in June.

Beaudry is looking to senior Rick Wilson as his offensive leader. The 6-3 forward averaged 15.9 points and almost 12 rebounds per game last season. Other leading members of the squad should be Steve Donohue, a junior guard, Irv Taylor a 6-3 junior forward and Bob Callahan, a 6-3 freshman forward from Waterbury, Conn.

NEW HAVEN UNIVERSITY
February 8 at Bryant
Head Coach-- Don Burns

Despite the loss of five lettermen from last year's squad coach Don Burns is still optimistic about the 1972-73 season. Burns will have eight veterans returning from last year's team including Bob Foglio, the second leading scorer. But in addition to his veterans Burns has several outstanding newcomers vying for spots on the varsity. Heading the list of newcomers is senior Larry Faust. Faust a 6-6 forward was one of the leading members of the 1970-71 team. However he was forced to sit out last season because of scholastic ineligibility.

Burns' main weakness appears to be a lack of height in the forecourt.

But this could be compensated for by excellent speed and good outside shooting.

GORDON COLLEGE

January 23 at Wenham, Mass., February 2 at Bryant
Head Coach-- Hal Murdoch

Last season was one of the most successful in Gordon history. The Fighting Scots posted a 14-8 mark including three upset triumphs over Bryant, Suffolk and Kings College of New York. Coach Hal Murdoch has four lettermen returning from that squad, all of whom averaged in double figures. Leading the attack this season will be junior Wayne Young. The 6-6 forward averaged

34 points per game before being sidelined with an injury after only six games. Joining Young will be three other two-year veterans 6-1 Dan Keegan, 6-2 Lowry McCowen and 5-11 Dan Alexson.

FT. LAUDERDALE UNIVERSITY

January 26 at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Head Coach -- Jim Pollard

Coach Jim Pollard has seven returning lettermen from last year's squad but he still needs to find replacements for two of last year's stars lost through graduation. Pollard lost both of his starting forwards and his top two scorers when Tom Kanarao and Greg Duda graduated last June. If he can find replacements for the front court duo the Roadrunners should be able to improve upon their last season's 10-7 record. Pollard is looking to senior Vince Giglio and sophomore Joe Bramboa to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Danarao and Duda.

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY

January 26 at Cambridge, Mass.

Head Coach -- Charlie Law

The Rams lost six lettermen through graduation including last year's scoring leader Paul Parsons. But coach Charlie Law, the dean of New England collegiate hoop coaches, has five veterans and three promising freshmen available for the 72-73 campaign. Heading the list of returning vets is junior guard Tony Dascoli. Dascoli was second to Parsons last season with a 16.6 ppg average.

QUINNIPIAC

December 1 at Hamden, Conn. January 31 at Bryant
Head Coach-- Burt Kahn

The Braves open defense of their regional N.A.I.A. title with seven members of last year's championship team on this year's squad. Leading the attack once again this season will be senior Bob Vacca. Vacca was the Braves top point getter last season with a 21.5 ppg average. Other offensive leaders are senior co-captains Franklin Johnson and Jim McNamee. The duo averaged 16.0 and 7.4 points per game last year.

Coach Burt Kahn's main problem will be finding a replacement for big George McDowell, the Braves' outstanding center who graduated last year.

BABSON

February 10 at Wellsley Hills, Mass., February 27 at Bryant
Head Coach-- Bill Olson

With four returning starters coach Bill Olson hopes to improve upon last year's 7-16 slate. Olson has three men who averaged in double figures last season back again this year, Tim Vincent 20.3, Jack Teitsma 14.8, and Pete Hansen 13.0. But the Beavers still are missing the real big man.

BENTLEY

February 23 at Waltham, Mass.

Head Coach -- Al Shields

It's not easy to follow a 26-2 season, but coach Al Shields feels this year's team could duplicate last year's sensational performance. With eight lettermen including four starters returning from last year's team that set a New England collegiate record with 26 consecutive victories, Shields feels this should be another banner year for the Falcons.

Heading the list of returning veterans is sophomore Al Grenfell. The 6-7 forward was the Falcons leading scorer last season with a 15.4 average. Joining Grenfell in the starting lineup will be the two older brothers of Bryant freshman Bob Hammel, Bert and Brian. Bert, a 6-4 senior forward averaged 12.9 ppg last season while Brian a 6-3 sophomore guard tallied an even 12 points per game.

1971-72 Results

Record-- 13-10

| Rhode Island College | 92 | Bryant | 74 |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|---------|
| Bryant | 85 | St. Francis (Maine) | 77 |
| Quinnipiac | 77 | Bryant | 70 |
| Bryant | 94 | Barrington | 67 |
| Bryant | 81 | Babson | 61 |
| New Haven University | 83 | Bryant | 78 |
| Bryant | 78 | Colby (Holiday Tournament) | 69 |
| Bryant | 80 | Stonehill (Holiday Tournament) | 69 |
| University of Delaware | 103 | Bryant | 83 |
| Gordon | 90 | Bryant | 80 |
| Suffolk | 77 | Bryant | 73 |
| Quinnipiac | 96 | Bryant | 78 |
| Bryant | 57 | Barrington | 40 |
| Bryant | 84 | Southeastern Mass. University | 62 |
| Bryant | 68 | Nichols | 66 |
| Bryant | 77 | Nasson | 58 |
| Bryant | 73 | University of Maine (PoGo) | 53 |
| Bryant | 72 | Gordon | 63 |
| Bryant | 65 | St. Francis | 56 |
| Nasson | 66 | Bryant | 65 (ot) |
| Bentley | 67 | Bryant | 63 |
| Bryant | 78 | Babson | 65 |
| Eastern Nazarene | 87 | Bryant | 86 |

BRYANT BASKETBALL RECORDS

TEAM RECORDS

| BEST WIN-LOSS RECORD | |
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| HIGHEST POINT TOTAL (SEASON) | |
| HIGHEST POINT TOTAL (SINGLE GAME) | |
| HIGHEST SCORING AVERAGE93.6 points per game (1966-67) | |
| MOST FIELD GOALS (SEASON) | |
| MOST FIELD GOALS (SINGLE GAME) | |
| MOST FREE THROWS (SEASON) | |
| | |
| INDIVIDUAL RECORDS | |
| TOTAL POINTS (CAREER) | |
| TOTAL POINTS (SEASON) | |
| TOTAL POINTS (SINGLE GAME) | |
| MOST FIELD GOALS (SEASON) | |
| MOST FIELD GOALS (SINGLE GAME) | |
| HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGEBrian Ahern.586 (1971-72) | |
| MOST FREE THROWS (SEASON) Tom Smile ,136 (1966-67) | |
| MOST REBOUNDS (SEASON) Ben Billie,386 (1967-68) | |
| MOST REBOUNDS (SINGLE GAME) Ben Billie,25 (1967-68) | |
| BRYANT 1,000 POINT CLUB | |
| Tom Smile, (1963-67) | |
| Don Gray, (1966-70) | |
| George Yates, (1966-70) | |
| Bob Chuprevich, (1968-70)1,107 points | |

