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# Girls' Sport Night

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At last the girls have been given a chance to "strut their stuff" in the field of athletics. On April 12, 1935, in the school gymnasium a capacity crowd witnessed the performance of some 1,300 girls in their first annual Sport Night. In order to give the parents and friends of the students of the Trenton Central High School a chance to see just what kind of work the girls were doing in their gymnasium classes, this unusual Sport Night, the first of its kind in the history of the Trenton High School, was presented. All the girls in the school participated in what turned out to be one of the most colorful events of the year. They were divided into two teams: the Red, captained by Marjorie Cooper; and the Black, captained by Eloise Devlin. Jean Halliday was general chairman.

The elaborate program presented was judged according to a point system by five judges headed by Walter E. Short. Originality, execution, costumes, and the number of girls in the event were factors considered in determining the winner. The audience was informed immediately as to the winner of each event; as the judges announced the results, either a red or black flag was raised.

The first event on the program was a demonstration of marching and the singing of a T. H. S. song. Following the marching, the two teams performed novel entrances corresponding to their decorations. The Red Team "went nautical" and hoisted the sail of the *S. S. Red*. The Black Team gave their version of the old nursery rhyme, "Sing a Song of Sixpence." To show the audience that both teams "had rhythm," a tap dance, "Honeymoon Rhythm," was executed by the Red and Blacks. With the speed of Pheidippides both teams were off to prove to their parents and friends who would be the victor in a twenty-five yard dash. The Reds proved themselves the better runners.

A touch of the circus was added to the evening's performance by an enjoyable and entertaining exhibition of tumbling, stunts, and pyramids. According to the score, the Blacks were the more-accomplished clowns.

Demonstrating their terpsichorean skill, the two teams presented spectacular dances. The Reds added the Chinese element in "In a China Shop," and the Blacks added a summery atmosphere in "Rolling Hoops."

The most exciting moment, however, was yet to come. A silence spread throughout the gymnasium as Jean Halliday rose, at the conclusion of the events, to announce the score. The Red Team was victorious by a score of 65 to 60. Dr. Paul R. Spencer presented a banner to Marjorie Cooper, and the Black Team sang a victory song to the Red Team, thus bringing to a close in a sportsman-like manner the first annual Girls Sport Night.

LeRoy Smith, Miss Grace Brauninger, Mrs. Ann Griffiths, and Mrs. Isabel Quick are the members of the faculty responsible for this outstanding success.





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