

## *They'll Lead THS Red And Black Teams*



Here are the Red and Black Team Captains that will lead the Sports Night program at Trenton High School this school year. They are pictured holding their toy mascots. At left is Red Team captain Rose Conti, 17, of 705 South Clinton Avenue. The Black Team captain, Betty Hallitsky, 17, of 1323 Indiana Avenue, is at right.

*Trenton Times*, October 15, 1954

**Girls Choose  
Team Heads  
Conti, Halitsky Assume  
Responsibilities in Role  
Of Red, Black Captains**

Captains of the 1955 Sport Nite teams have recently been elected. Betty Halitsky has been chosen as Black Team leader, and Rose Conti was selected to guide the Red Team.

Elections were held Thursday, October 14, during the gym classes. In accordance with regulations, only junior and senior girls voted. While the upperclassmen were casting their ballots, sophomore girls were placed on teams. The total number of girls voting was 683. Of this number, 344 Black Team girls voted, while 349 Red Team members cast ballots. The first duty of the new captains was to aid in the selection of the Official Family

**Leader Names Activities**

Black Team captain Betty Halitsky lists Leader Corps and Photography Club as her school activities. In addition, she is president of her homeroom class, A14. During 1954 Sport Nite, Betty was a member of the Black Modern Exercises specialty. She has also been in the Special Marching group for the past two years.

"It really is a wonderful privilege to be chosen as leader of the great Black Team," stated Betty energetically. "With the help of every Black Team member, I know that we will have a swell time working together toward victory!"

**Led 1954 Red Cheers**

Rose Conti, Red Team leader, holds such offices as vice-president of the Leader Corps and president of the Presidents' Council. She has been president of her homeroom, A13, for the last three years. Rose is a varsity cheerleader and a member of the Clionian Society and the Pan American Club. Last year, she was head of Red Cheers during Sport Nite.

"I consider it a great honor to be elected captain of the Red Team," declared Rose enthusiastically, "and with the cooperation of all the girls, I hope to lead the mighty Red Team in a glorious victory."

This year, Sport Nite will be held from March 21 to 25, Monday through Friday nights.

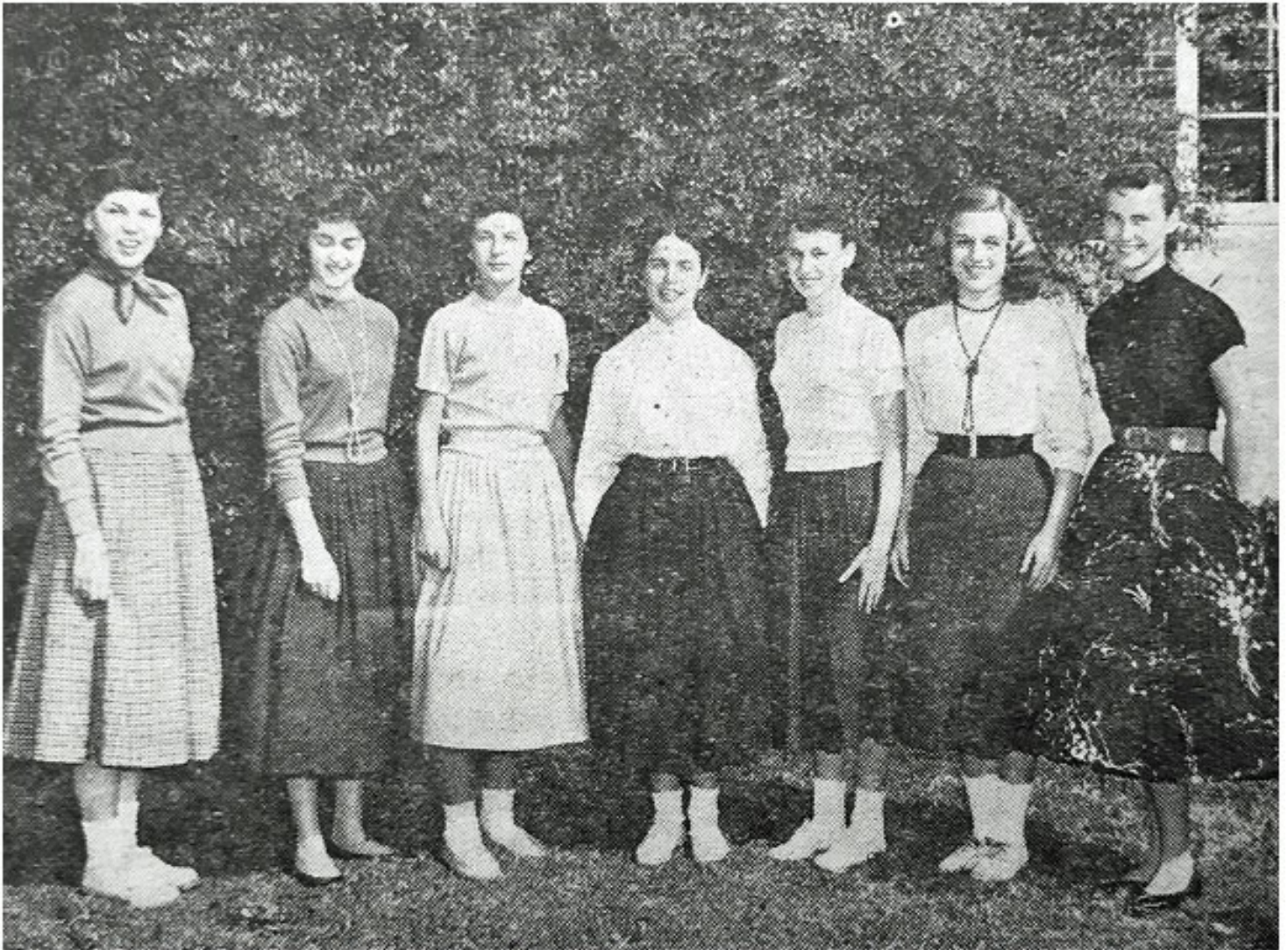
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## *Official Family For THS Sports Nite*



Here's the official family for Trenton High School's annual Sports Nite. Left to right are: Gail Pierson, Red Team flag bearer; Linda Brenner, Miss Trenton High; Rose Conti, Red Team captain; Valerie Cross, Mistress of Ceremonies; Betty Halitsky, Black Team captain; Hope Vulgaris, Miss America; Marie Zarrilli, Black Team flag bearer.

*Trenton Times*, October 27, 1954



**OFFICIAL FAMILY FOR 1955: From left to right they are Marie Zarilli, Black Team Flag Bearer; Hope Vulgaris, Miss America; Betty Halitsky, Black Team captain; Valerie Cross, Mistress of Ceremonies; Rose Conti, Red Team captain; Linda Brenner, Miss Trenton High; and Gail Pierson, Red Team Flag Bearer.**

*Trenton Times*, November 10, 1954



**Official Family, Committee Heads Named  
Extravaganza Principals  
Chosen for March Show**

Official Family and Heads of Committees for sport Nite were chosen on October 20 and 27, respectively.

Leading the Official Family are Valerie Cross, Mistress of Ceremonies, Hope Vulgaris, Miss America; and Linda Brenner, Miss Trenton High.

Others selected were Marie Zarilli, Black Team Flag Bearer; Gail Pierson, Red Team Flag Bearer; Joan Greenfield, Black Team, and Dolores Rossi, Red, Miss America's color guards; Joyce Grove, Black Team, and Doris Silver, Red Team, Miss Trenton High's color guards.

Team color guards are Doris Anderson and Dorothy Stretch, Black Team, and Mary Ann Meyernik and Ednamae Purcell, Red Team.

Committee heads were elected by junior and senior girls during gym classes. For the Black Team are Barbara DiMatteo, Cheers; Carolyn Kane, Character; Amie Johnson, Modern Exercises; Dorothy Manewitz, Tap; Grace Valenzise, Rhythmics; Judy Christian, Music; Sandy Epifanio, Theme Song; Erdith Sutts, Properties; Linda Garb, Decorations; Miriam Rhodes, Costumes; Judy Fiorello, Publicity; Shirley Montani, Games, and Rose Mazzucco, Marching.

Red Team heads are Sandy DeVito, Cheers; Carol Nalbone, Character; Marguerita Brennen, Modern Exercises; Madge Bonelli, Tap; Josephine Cipollone, Rhythmics; Beverly Kovacs, Music; Joyce Olivetti, Theme Song; Evelyn Pauline, Properties; Janet Mark, Decorations; Helen Mirisis, Costumes; Helen Comaty, Publicity; Dot Thomas, Games; and Barbara Schinderwolf, Marching.

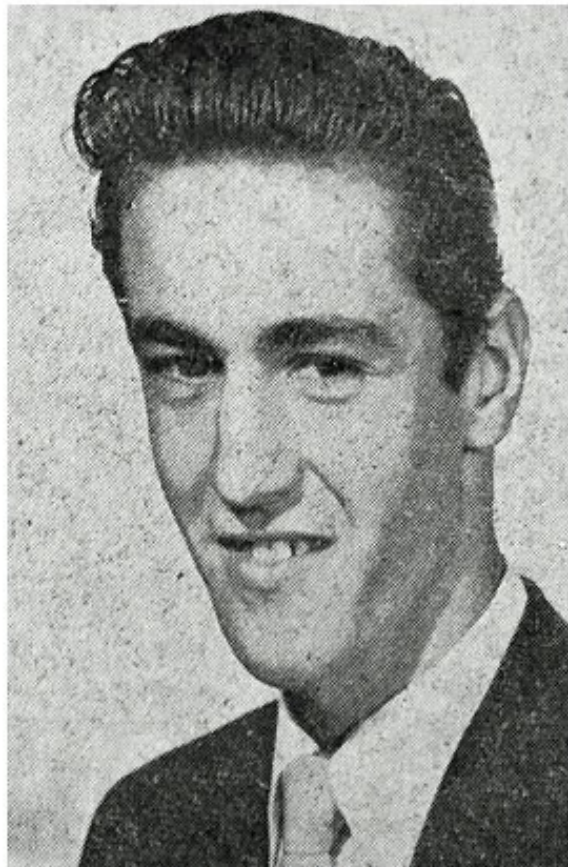
The sixth period dancing class picked Margie Capuano head of Prelude and Lois DiUmberti, Ballet. Prelude and Ballet are non-competitive numbers.

The Official Family was chosen by Mrs. Isabelle Moore, Mrs. Margaret Dickinson, Miss Eleanor Keating, Miss Carol Leonard, and Miss Geraldine Fitz-Gerald, members of the physical education department. Black Team captain Betty Halitsky, aided by Lorraine Yuncza and Sue Wetzal, and Red Team Captain Rose Conti, with Sandy DeVito and Liz Carr, assisted in the selections. Edward Murphy, head of the physical education department, was in charge of the proceedings.

*Spectator*, November 10, 1954



**Lenny Enourato**



**Russ Chiavoni**

## **Clarinetist, Drummer to Conduct Bands for March Extravaganza**

Lenny Enourato and Russell Chiavoni, THS seniors, have been elected to serve as Black Team and Red Team band leaders, respectfully, for the coming twenty-first annual Sport Nite.

Chosen from five nominees, the boys will each have charge of 26 band members as they try to lead their respective teams to victory.

The duties of both Lenny and Russ as conductors are to choose the opening number and also the specialty tune for the extravaganza. Among other tasks, they must call practices and arrange all of the music which will be included in the show.

Lenny, who plays the clarinet, stated, "I am very proud to be leader of the Black Band this year. I know the boys in the band have a lot of confidence in my ability to lead them. I'll try not to let them down.

"With a lot of cooperation from the boys in my band," he continued, "I think we can accomplish another Sport Nite victory!"

A drummer in the orchestra and band for the past three years, Russ exclaimed, "I shall try to lead the Red Band to the best of my ability, and carry out my duties in the best interests of the entire affair. I know that with support and confidence from the boys, our band will reclaim the victory for 1955!"

*Spectator*, December 22, 1954

# *Central High Activities*

The Activities Club, sponsored by Warren Jochem of the arts department, is composed of boys who have had two years of work in the wood shop. They build scenery for the competitive numbers of Sports Night, and also construct the sets for the Operetta.

The club is divided into three groups. Working for the Red Team are Donald Magee, captain, and also the secretary; Angelo C. Pezzullo, co-captain; Louis Gryzlewicz, Ronald Schwarzwald, Richard Sirak, Joseph Koval, and Michael Vican.

Working for the Black Team are Walter Kowalski, captain; Rosario Malerba, co-captain and Michael Voloski, Raymond Ryel, James Ragazzo, Paul Welsh and Donald Hoover.

Working for the non-competitive numbers are Louis R. Bertolini, captain; Richard Hadfield, co-captain; Ronald Samuels, and Alfred Muskewitz.

*Trenton Times*, January 17, 1955

## **Ballerinas Choose Dance Leaders**

Sport Nite heads of Prelude and Ballet, non-competitive dance numbers, were recently elected by the sixth period dancing class. Marge Capuano leads Prelude, while Lois Di Umberto is head of Ballet.

Marge, who was elected leader of Prelude last year, again assumes this position. She and her committee will follow the general theme of Sport Nite, "Make a Wish."

Jeanette Sombatti, Josephine Cipolloni, Shirley Matlock, Theresa Zelt, Penny Rank, Ina Slosberg, Virginia Inverso, and Barbara Hallgreen are members of this committee.

Lois and her group have chosen the theme of the Ballet as "A Wish for World Peace." Her committee consists of Grace Valenzise, Dolores Rossi, Sylvia DeMattei, Gail Szikasi, Arlene Kondor, Mildred Mullen, and Barbara Friedman.

The purpose of the committee is not only to assist in the selection of the themes, but to help choose costumes, dances, and music.

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## **Student 'Spotters' To Air Sport Nite**

Student aides for the broadcasting of Sport Nite over radio station WTTM will be Paula Deitz and Carolyn Doranz, THS seniors. Fred Walker, director of public affairs for the station, and Wes Hopkins, program director and announcer, will do the actual broadcasting.

A summary will be presented at the end of the first four nights of the show. On the fifth and final night the entire Sport Nite show will be broadcast.

Several months in advance of Sport Nite, the student "spotters," Paula for the Black Team and Carolyn for the Red Team, collect pertinent information concerning the various committees and their activities, such as names of heads and specialty members, music, themes, and costumes for the dancers, and also information concerning faculty aides, and facts about the official family.

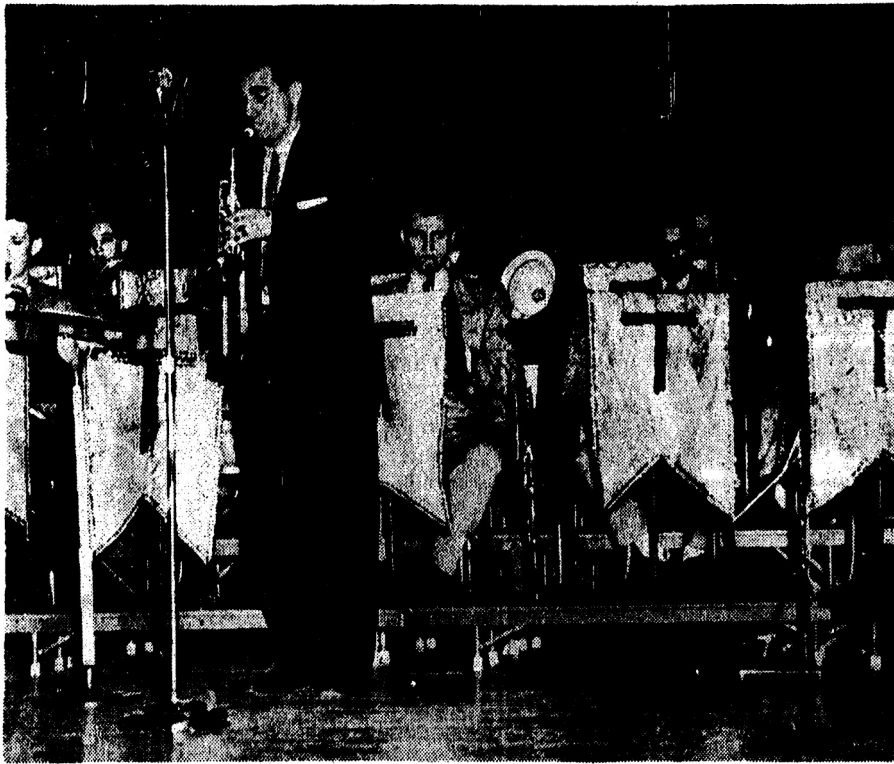
This material is obtained by questionnaires filled out by the Black and Red Team committee heads. The completed survey is then typed and compiled into a notebook for easy reference during the broadcast.

In addition, each night prominent spectators and principals in the show will be interviewed.

*Spectator*, January 21, 1955



## Black Brass Out To Beat Red Percussion



## Boy Bandsmen Work Way Into Girls' Sports Night

**Red And Black Teams Now Have Own Bands,  
Mostly Boy Musicians Who Practice Long  
And Loud To Win Points For Their Teams**

Leonard Enourato, leader of the Black Team band is readying his cohorts for the curtain call for Sports Night at Trenton High School on March 21.

Sports Night has come a long way since 1935, when the big show lasted for only one night and a single piano supplied all of the rhythm for the dancing. Now each team has its own band competing on each of the five nights (this year from March 21 to 25 inclusive) for the coveted point awarded by the judges for musicianship. Each band is composed of about 25 musicians, and this year only three of these are girls. So although Sports Night is the girls' show, the performance of the boys is a telling factor in winning points.

The bands receive training under L. Rogene Borgen of Trenton High's music department, but they work in committees to develop the numbers offered on their programs.

### **Reds Feature Percussion**

This year the Red Team will feature a vigorous percussion section under Paul Farinella and Richard Wilshaw.

Leader of the Red Team band is Russell Chiavoni. Members are: Thomas Anderson, Antimo Cesaro,

Anthony Chianese, Joseph Christiano, Alton Christie, Harry Conover, Charles Eure, Paul Farinella, John Gordon, Allen Hillman, Eugene Kaiser, Morton Kaplan, Charles Miller, Melvyn Neishloss, Le Roy Parham, Nick Poveromo, Charles San German, Gerald Schupan, Pichard Stenhausen, Ted Stine, Theodore Strycharze, Gilbert Toth, Joseph Vizzini, Leon Vulgaris and Richard Wilshaw.

### **Black Band Members**

In the Black Band are: Anthony Bencivengo, Paul Billardo, Michael Black, Anthony Bogdan, John Bonfinti, Betty Lou Campbell, James Castranova, Robert Copper, Joseph Corvo, Robert Craig, Chris Hartshorn, Roland Hence, Paul Hobson, Robert Kraml, Mario La Bella, Robert Lambert, Leonard Levine, Rudy Liebl, Nicholas Maggi, Paul Massel, Fred Mer-shon, William Michelson, Joseph Neeld, Edward Pfeiffer, Peggie Shuman, Charles Webber and Stephen Wenzler.

Valerie Cross will be mistress of ceremonies for 1955, Hope Vulgaris has the role of Miss America, and Linda Brenner will be Miss Trenton High School. Red Team captain is Rose Conti, and the Black Team captain, Betty Halitsky.

# **Activities At THS**

## **Boys Building Scenery For Sports Night**

The boys of the Activities Club, under the direction of Warren Jochem, are now busily engaged in the construction of scenery for both the Black and Red teams who will vie in the annual Sports Night competition.

Members of the club include: Donald Magee, Louis Gryzlewicz, Tony Malerba, Angelo Pezzullo, Ronald Samuels, Thomas Koval, Ronald Hoover, Richard Sirak, Louis Bertolini, Richard Hadfield, Rudolph Johnson, Albert Muskwitz, Michael Vician, Ronald Schwarzwald, Michael Voloski, James Ragazzo and Raymond Ryel.

*Trenton Times*, February 25, 1955

## **Ten Girls Chosen Sport Nite Aides**

Judges' aides for Sport Nite were announced on February 21 by Edward Murphy, head of the physical education department.

Representing the Red Team will be Pat Conklin, Joan Elenewski, Joyce Gibbs, Loretta Sabaski, and Lola Snedden.

Black Team judges' aides will be Ruth Alexander, Sylvia Berger, Adele Hyman, Joan Uszkereit, and Esther Weber.

Each of the five judges will be assisted by two aides -- one Red Team member and one Black Team girl. The duties of the aides will be to explain the themes of the dances, to answer any questions the judges might have, and to alert judges to details of the show which they might miss.

Aiding in the selection of the ten special aides were Murphy, Miss Bernice Cleveland, Mrs. Margaret Dickinson, Miss Geraldine Fitz-Gerald, Miss Eleanor Keating, Miss Carol Leonard, and Mrs. Isabelle Moore, all members of the physical education department. The girls were chosen on the basis of personality and general school behavior. In addition, all judges' aides must be seniors.

There are five different judges each night of the show--one judge for music, one for art, and three for physical education. Before the show, when the judges are instructed in their duties, two judges' aides--one from each team are present.

*Spectator*, February 25, 1955

## **THS Sports Night Program Is Listed**

WTM will carry a live broadcast direct from the Trenton High School Auditorium each night during Sports Night, Fred L. Bernstein, general manager of WTM announced today.

The station will air the show from 10 to 10:30 beginning Monday, March 21. Bernstein revealed that on the final night WTM has dropped late - evening network shows to carry the Sports Night proceedings from 9 p. m. until the end of the festivities.

Wes Hopkins and Fred Walker will describe the events.

*Trenton Times*, March 7, 1955

## To The Mighty Reds...

With the twenty-first anniversary of Sport Nite drawing near, Rose Conti, Red Team captain, has a few words of praise and advice for every fighting Red who will participate in the exciting extravaganza.

This year, with loyalty and true grit, the Reds are working harder than they ever have toward victory. Not only the heads of committees, but also every Red Team member has been doing an outstanding job.

"There is one point which I'd like to stress," she added, "and this is that every Red Team girl should be sure to know her songs and cheers. The cheerleaders are doing an excellent job, but they can't take those important ten points without the support of every girl!"

Stating that she couldn't begin to name individually everyone who had given of his or her time and efforts toward a Red Team victory, Rose continued, "One person who really deserves special recognition, however, is Russ Chiavoni, Red Team band leader. He and the members of his band are really top musicians, and the Red Team will glide to victory on their marvelous music!"

"Although the Black Team and its captain are great, I am confident that the Red Team flag will soon be flying over Trenton High!"

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**Rose Conti**

## To The Battling Blacks...



**Betty Halitsky**

Betty Halitsky, Black Team captain has this last minute statement to make to the members of her team in thanks for the cooperation and loyalty which they have for the mighty Black Team.

"Every girl on our team has been working hard and has given all her efforts to lead the Black Team to victory. Working together, we have done our job to the best of our ability, and I know that the work will show up in the wonderful performances we will give on Sport Nite!"

"We all know," she continues "that the heads of committees we have this year are tops, and with everyone's cooperation, we can win!"

"The Publicity Committee has done a terrific job in saying how great we Blacks are, and next week will be our chance to prove it to everyone.

"The Reds have a wonderful captain and team this year, and as leader of the Blacks, I want to wish them good luck.

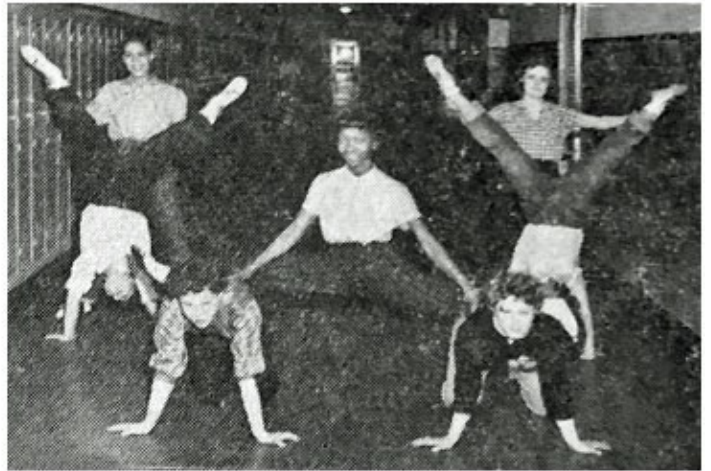
"With Lenny Enourato and his wonderful band behind us, and a terrific group of cheerleaders to lead us in our songs and cheers, I know that the Blacks are headed for a great victory!"

"So keep your spirit high, Blacks, and we'll win this Sport Nite race!"

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# **Sport Nite To Begin Monday As Teams Strive To Break Tie**



**DIM THE LIGHTS! Top—"Wish to Create" provides inspiration for Jo Cipolloni and Red Rhythmics, while headstands are made easy "Under the Big Top" by Amie Johnson and Black Modern Exercises. Bottom—It's the "cat's pajamas" as Marguerite Brennan and Red Modern Exercises portray the "Roaring Twenties." "Lights Out" as Grace Valenzise and Black Rhythmics begin dancing.**

## **Melodies, Capers, Themes To Spellbound Sellout Crowds**

Climaxing months of preparation, "Make A Wish," this year's Sport Nite presentation, will be viewed by capacity audiences March 21 through 25,

The program will open with a welcome address by Mistress of Ceremonies Valerie Cross. Following this, Valerie will introduce Red Team captain Rose Conti and Black Team leader Betty Halitsky; Hope Vulgaris, Miss America; Linda Brenner, Miss Trenton High; Gail Pierson and Marie Zarilli, Red and Black team flag bearers, respectively; and color guards.



Setting the stage for the show will be the non-competitive Prelude, headed by Marge Capuano. Dancers will portray wishes for fame, fortune, and happiness. Under chairman Barbara Schinderwolf, Red marchers will follow as "A Child's Wish for Travel," and Black marchers, under Rose Mazzucco, as "Aladdin's Lamp." Sung by the marchers will be the theme songs – "Red Prophecy." With Joyce Olivetti as chairman; and "Time to Make a Wish," headed by Sandy Epifanio, Black Team.

#### 'Hood Follows Hunters

"The Vibrant Fox Hunters," led by Red cheerleader Sandy DeVito, will enter next, followed by their counterparts, "Robin Hood and His Merry Men," captained by Black Team Barbara DiMatteo. Red Character, led by Carol Nalbone, will dance to "Once Upon a Dream," and Black Character, headed by Carolyn Kane, will depict "Candyland Capers." "The Wish to Create" will inspire Jo Cipolloni and her Red Rhythmics specialty, while "Lights Out" will stimulate Black Rhythmics, headed by Grace Valenzise. These numbers will be followed by the novelty race, led by Dorothy Thomas, Red Team; and Mildred Steward, Black Team.

#### From Heaven To Paris

It will be a heavenly time when Red Tap, under Madge Bonelli, performs to "Heaven's Holiday." Dorothy Manewitz will lead the Black Tapsters in "Sailors Ahoy." Under Russ Chiavoni, Red band will play the Cole Porter classic, "Begin the Beguine." Ballet, the second non-competitive number will be next on the program. Headed by Lois DiUmberti, ballerinas will caper to the theme of marriage.

Aerobating to "Roaring Twenties" will be Red Modern Exercises specialty, led by Marguerite Brennan. "Under the Big Top" will provide the setting for Black Modern Exercises specialty, with chairman Amie Johnson. Leader Lenny Enourato and the Black band will compete next for the coveted band point with the playing of "April in Paris."

The last competitive number will be the obstacle race, while the show will conclude with the Finale, in which the captains, heads of committees, and Official Family participate.

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## **Candy To Finance Journey to Iowa**

"Peanuts, popcorn! Get you crunch candy here!"

Mixed with the feverish furor and las minute excitement of Sport Nite, these sounds will be heard over the rush and roar as the members of the Latin Club once again carry on their candy project.

Maintaining a sweets stand outside the gym before the exciting extravaganza and during intermission, the members hope to make enough profit to send two representatives to Iowa in the late spring. This trip will be taken by the delegates to attend the annual convention of the Junior Classical League, a national Latin organization.

Mary Ann Eros, club president, will be in charge of the bon-bon bargaining, which will be supervised by Merton La Fountain, club sponsor and instructor of Latin.

Volunteer vendors will be Judy Gurovitz, Mary Eros, Susanne Schwarz, Albert Carabelli, William Pelle, Margaret Lowrey, Gloria Miele, Roberta Sholin, Gladys Laving, and John Kirk.

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# Active Boys Aid Show With Backstage Work

The limelight will shine as Trenton High girls from March 21 to 25. For five nights, these girls will dance in its magic glow. But what about the people in back of the lights--the boys of THS, who keep Sport Nite running smoothly, the boys who make possible the professional-looking extravaganza!

For example, students know who is in front of the lights, but who is in back of them? Under the supervision of Reynold Strunk, a group of Stagecraft members man all lights. This group is captained by Bernie Wszolek. Another Stagecraft crew designs the scenery, while a third acts as "stagehands."

When the lights dim between numbers, ten Red Team and ten Black Team prop boys, swiftly move into place scenery for the next dance. Supervised by Richard Davis, this group is headed by Ken Mather and Jim Giglio, Red, and Dan Lyons and Al Laymon, Black.

It would be impossible for Edward Murphy, master of ceremonies during Sport Nite, to be heard if it were not for the projection Crew, who, supervised by Miss Sarah Christie, vice-principal, work the public address system. The crew is captained by Charles MacArthur.

## Club Makes Props

The construction of all props is handled by the Activities Club, sponsored by Warren Jochem. In addition to building Red props, in charge of Don Magee, and Black props, led by Walter Kowalaki, the group makes sets for the non-competitive numbers. President of the club is Louis Bertolini.

A smooth show requires precise timing. This is the responsibility of a group of 14 boys, under the guidance of Constantine Diamond. Headed by Harris Cooper, these boys aid teachers collecting tickets, too. Also aiding teachers at gates is David Weisberg's Service Corps. Moreover, these boys, captained by Don Pinkus, are stationed at gym gates during practices. Joe Levy, Jerry Applebaum, Marty Klinghoffer, and Sheridan Blau are managers of the group.

"No one may enter without a ticket" is the byword of Walter Krichling's crew of student janitorial assistants. With John Onufrey as their leader, these boys check windows and doors during Sport Nite to make sure they are locked. They also aid in the gym during the show.



**SPORT NITE spot lighters are Robert Barber, Bernie Wazolek, and Fred Norton.**

## Boys Print Programs

Each year Red and Black team members vie for the program cover point. But what happens after the point is awarded? This is where Willard Vroom and his print shop boys step in. The two main steps in the printing of Sport Nite programs, composition and type-setting, are led by Robert Platt and Mike Dolobacs, and Algernon Brown and Ricky Zotolli respectively. The boys who work on the press are Mike Dolobacs, Robert Platt, John Latimer, and John Schaab.

There is only one way to keep an accurate record of past Sport Nites--through photography. Photography II pupils, taught by Bernard Forer, busily snap pictures of specialties and main numbers.

# Terpsichoreans Rehearse Non-Competitive Numbers

Heel, toe, heel, toe, pirouette, arabesque, glissade. These are familiar directions to the 63 girls in the sixth period dancing class. The dancing group is under the direction of Miss Eleanor Keating, of the physical education department, who is assisted by Miss Geraldine Fitz-Gerald, also of the physical education department.

Right now, the girls are preparing for the prelude and ballet which are to be performed in the Sport Nite show. As soon as Sport Nite is over, the class will start preparing for the operetta, which will be held in May.

When the girls are not preparing to perform for any special event, they practice modern, character, square, and folk dancing.

Arlene Kondor, Captain

Officers of the sixth period class are Arlene Kondor, Captain; Dolores Rossi, First Lieutenant; Shirley Matlock, Second Lieutenant; Grace Valenzise and Gail Sziksai, Locker Sergeants; and Mildred Mullen and Jeanette Sombatti, Floor Sergeants.

Members of the class are seniors Doris Anderson, Linda Bash, Margie Capuano, Jo Cipolioni, Val Cross, Norma Dawson, Sylvia DeMatteo, Sandy Filin, Shirley Houck, Arlene Kondor, Shirley Matlock, Kim Mozer, Marcia Phipps, Dolores Rossi, Sue Schwartz, Grace Valenzise, Linda Walcoff, Barbara Warshawsky.

Juniors Number 19

Juniors Marilyn Austin, Carole Caines, Lois Di Umberti, Barbara Hallgreen, Beverly Kovacs, Lynn Lowrey, Louise March, Mildred Mullen, Rita Pone, Ina Slosberg, Jeanette Sombatti, Gail Sziksai, Ellyn Tauber, Judy Walters, Joyce Washington, Earthlee Young, Doris Guido, Connie Crammer.

Sophomores Pat Adams, Annette Bruno, Gail Clark, Maryann Cunningham, Jan Davidson, Mary Jane Di Tullio, Barbara Friedman, Doris Fier, Lois Goldberg, Joan Hurst, Virginia Inverso, Molly Iorio, Wendy Ireland, Pat Moss, June Persichetti, Penny Rank, Jean Rebecca, Dorothy Ristow, Joan Santarsiera, Kay Saunders, Monika Schwager, Myra Schwartzman, Marion Smith, Shelly Suttick, Ellen Whitehouse, and Thersa Zelt.



**LEADERS for non-competitive numbers are Lois D. Umberti and Margie Capuano.**

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# 21st Girls Sport Night Competition Opens Week's Stand Monday Night

Trenton High School's gymnasium will take on a theatrical atmosphere next week.

The 21st annual presentation of Girls Sport Night will be staged for five nights starting Monday. The spotlight will be on music, dancing, games and singing as the Red and Black teams battle for points and glory.

The Black team goes into this year's event with a one-point edge. The team was given the award for its program cover design.

The annual spectacle, highlight of the girls physical education program lists over 1,200 performers for the five nights. Monday's opening is designated as "preview night." The competitors are selected by the gym teachers. Tuesday is Sophomore Night, Wednesday the Juniors perform, Thursday the spotlight is on the Seniors and Friday, finale night, the best of the four previous performances compete.

Both teams move into this year's event tied. Last year and in 1944 both the Red and Black teams received the same number of points. And since 1935, the Black Team has nine wins and the Red Team has the same number of victories.

Highlight of the girls' physical education activity, the event has attracted wide attention in school circles throughout the state, and in many other areas.

A different group of judges is on hand each night. Persons selected as officials are specialists in their respective fields of music, art and dancing.

Although the girls do all the performing there are plenty of behind-the-scenes activity supplied by the Trenton High boys. Scenery is made by students in the manual training classes. Boys also take care of the lights, print programs, handle props and take care of the many other backstage duties that go along with putting on a large scale production.

Boys also play a vital part in the musical portion of the program, as Trenton High's band and or-

chestra are divided into Red and Black teams to assist in the program.

General arrangements for the program are in charge of Edward G. Murphy, athletic director.

Leading the Red team this year is Rose Conti. Betty Halitsky is captain of the Black team. The girls were picked by a vote at the beginning of the school term.

Not only do the Trenton High girls perform, but they also make most of the costumes used in the home economics classes.

Going into this year's competition each team has won nine times and Spots Night programs of last year and 1944 ended in ties.

The Black team has a head start, winning a point for the program cover. In addition to his point, there are 12 awarded each evening during the five nights.

Mistress of ceremonies this year is Valerie Cross. Hope Vulgaris is Miss America, Linda Brenner is Miss Trenton High, Gail Pierson is Red Flag Bearer and Marie Zarilli is the Black Flag Bearer.

Band leaders are Leonard Enourato for the Black team and Russell Chiavoni of the Red team.

In addition to the competitive events, two special dances make up the program each night.

Seats, 1,617 each night, have been sold out for many weeks for each of the five nights.

The Sports Night leaders will appear on the "Here's Linda" por-

tion of the WTTM 920 Club at 3:05 p. m. tomorrow.



## This Is Their Biggest Week



All eyes at Trenton Central High School will be on these girls this week as the 21st annual "Sports Nite" Show is presented by the Red and Black teams beginning tomorrow night

and building up to a roaring climax on Friday. From left to right are Betty Halitsky, Black Team captain; Linda Brenner, "Miss Trenton High;" Valerie Cross, Mistress of Ceremonies;

Hope Vulgaris, "Miss America;" and Rose Conti, Red Team captain, holding "Champ," the Reds' mascot. "Champ," incidentally, thinks this is the Red Team's year.

# Trenton High Girls Are Ready For Spectacular 'Sports Nite'

## Red And Black Teams Poised For Annual Competition

Trenton Central High School will unveil its 21st annual spectacular "Sports Nite" tomorrow night at the school gymnasium.

The show will continue for five nights. The entire house has been sold out for all five performances and some 8,500 spectators will witness the gala presentation.

More than 1,200 girls, divided into two teams, the Red and the Black, will take part in the nationally-known event.

Each team will be trying hard to capture the "Sports Nite" crown. Since "Sports Nite" began, each team has won the competition nine times. There have been two ties.

Girls' "Sports Nite" is the culmination of the regular indoor physical education program of Trenton Central High School. It will include dancing, music, pag-

eantry, singing, games, cheering and competitive sports.

### Originated In 1935

Two generations of THS girls have participated in "Sports Nite." Originated in 1935 by the late Dr. Paul R. Spencer as a device to stimulate girls' interest in desirable physical culture goals, it has become a community institution. Its format has been copied by scores of other schools throughout the country.

Every girl who enters Trenton High School belongs to either the Red or Black teams for the duration of her school days. Lifetime loyalties and friendships are born and cemented through "Sports Nite" with its demands on cooperation, give-and-take, organization, leadership and fellowship.

The focal point of the loyalty and enthusiasm of each team is

## More Than 8,500 Will Witness Week - Long All - Girl Show

the team captain. Both the captains and the more than 40 student leaders and heads of committees are elected by the 1,200 girls during physical education classes.

The most important honor a THS girl can attain is that of captain. This year's captains are Rose Conti, Red Team, and Betty Halitsky, Black Team.

### Theme Is 'Make A Wish'

Every "Sports Nite" is built around a theme. This year's is "Make a Wish."

The various committee chairmen and their aides train dancers, design and sew costumes and create stage sets. Faculty members

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# Trenton High Girls Are Ready For Spectacular 'Sports Nite'

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serve as supervisors for the girls, and the boys of the school handle many of the technical details, such as stage and scene managing, lighting, etc.

In addition, each team has its own orchestra made up entirely of boys who compete for points each night during "Sports Nite."

A different group of judges is on hand each night during the week to decide the winners of the various events. The cast for the "Sports Nite" show tomorrow and Friday nights is made up of picked students from each team. The Tuesday night show is given by the sophomore girls; Wednesday night by the juniors and Thursday night by the seniors.

## Welcoming Address

Entrance of the Red and Black Bands raises the curtain on the show. Valerie Cross, mistress of ceremonies, will give the welcoming address and present team captains Rose Conti and Betty Halitsky.

Others playing leading roles are "Miss America," Hope Vulgaris; "Miss Trenton High," Linda Brenner; red flag bearer, Gail Pierson; black flag bearer, Marie Zarrilli, and color guards, Dolores Rossi, Joan Greenfield, Doris Silver, Joyce Grove, Mary Ann Mayer-nik, Doris Anderson, Ednamae Purcell and Dorothy Stretch.

Following the non-competitive prelude, "Three Wishes," in charge of Marge Capuano, both the Red and Black teams will march into the arena. The Reds will have "A Child's Wish for Travel" as their marching theme. Barbara Schindewolf is chairman. The Blacks will portray "Aladdin's Lamp" with Rose Mazzucco as chairman.

## Theme Songs

Theme songs come next. Joyce Olivetti is chairman of the "Reds' Prophecy;" Sandra Epifanio of the Blacks' "Time to Make a Wish."

"The Vibrant Fox Hunters" will introduce cheerleaders for the Red Team in charge of Sandy DeVito. "Robin Hood and His Merry Men," led by Barbara DiMatteo, will do the same for the Blacks. These formalities out of the way, the girls will knuckle down to serious competition in the following events:

Character dance and specialties—Red Team, "Once Upon a Dream," Carol Nalbhone, chairman;

Black Team, "Candyland Capers," Carolyn Kane, chairman.

Rhythmic novelty and specialties—Red Team, "The Wish to Create," Jo Cipolloni, chairman; Black Team, "Lights Out," Grace Valenzise, chairman.

Novelty race — Red Team Games, chairman Dorothy Thomas versus Black Team Games, chairman Mildred Stewart.

Tap dances and specialties — Red Team, "Heaven's Holiday," Madge Bonelli, chairman; Black Team, "Sailors Ahoy," Dorothy Manewitz, chairman.

## Bands To Play

Following the dancers, the Red Band under direction of Russell Chiavoni will play "Begin the Beguine" for points. And while the judges are sharpening their pencils, Lois DiUmberti will lead the non-competitive ballet number, "Every Girl's Wish."

The Red Team will come back with a presentation of "The Roaring Twenties" chairmanned by Marguerite Brennan in an effort to take the point for the modern exercises and specialties. The Black Team will counter with "Under the Big Top" chairmanned by Amie Johnson.

Then the Black Band will play its number, "April in Paris," under the direction of Leonard Enourato.

## Exciting Finale

Some of the most vigorous competition of the evening will find Red Team competitors under direction of Dorothy Thomas vying in an obstacle race against the Blacks under Mildred Stewart.

The finale will find captains and heads of committees taking a bow. Committee leaders for the Reds and Blacks respectively are: Decorations, Janet Mark, Linda Garb; costumes, Helen Mirisis, Miriam Rhoades; properties, Evelyn Pauline, Erdith Sutts; publicity, Helen Comaty, Judith Fiorello; music, Beverly Kovacs, Judy Christian; and usherettes, Irene Gross.

## As THS Girls Launched 21st Annual Sports Nite Competition



Hope Vulgaris (center), Miss America, flanked by Red Team flag bearer Gail Pierson (left) and Black team flag bearer Marie Zarrilli.



Left to right: Rose Conti, Red team captain; Hope Vulgaris, Miss America; Valerie Cross, mistress of ceremonies and Betty Halitsky, Black team captain.



Rose Conti, Linda Brenner (Miss Trenton High) and Betty Halitsky

*Trenton Times*, March 22, 1955

# Black Team Takes Early Lead In THS Sports Nite

"A poor start—a good finish," seemed to be the motto of the Red Team defeated last night by five-points in the opening night of the week-long 21st All-Girls Sports Nite presented by the girls of Trenton Central High School. The opening night score: Black Team 10, Red Team 5. Sophomores compete tonight.

The theme of this year's "spectacular" (which draws hundreds of cheering spectators from far and near) is "Make a Wish."

Heading the program was the entrance of the Red and Black Team bands lead by Russell Chiavoni and Leonard Enourato, respectively followed by the presentation of the team captains, Rose Conti of the Reds, and Betty Halitsky of the Blacks.

Miss America, Hope Vulgaris; Miss Trenton High, Linda Brenner; Red Flag Bearer, Gail Persson; Black Flag Bearer, Marie Zarrilli and eight color guards followed the team captains. This was one of the highlights of the evening as the entire audience of approximately 1,600 persons sang the National Anthem.

Next came the Prelude titled "Three Wishes," (which was non-competitive) with Marge Capuano in the leading role.

The Black Team received the winning points for marching, theme song, presentation of cheers, decorations, novelty race and modern exercises.

The Red Team won in character dance and the obstacle race.

The teams tied in rhythmic and songs.

Leonard Enourato lead the Black Team band to victory with "April in Paris."

The Black Team was awarded one point for the program cover designed this year by Carol Forer, a sophomore.

Highlighting the program was the non-competitive ballet, "Every Girl's Wish," which featured Lois DiUmberti in the leading role. This was one of the most outstanding numbers on the program.

The finale consisted of the team captains and committee heads (of both teams) in a marching exhibition wearing a banner representing their respective part in the program.

The team winning this year's competition will break the present 10 to 10 deadlock.

*Trenton Times, March 22, 1955*



## In Sport Nite Poodle Number



### Reds Cut Into Black Team Lead In THS Sports Nite

The Red Team finally found the winning combination in the third performance of Sport Nite in the Trenton High School gym last night.

With members of the junior class in the spotlight, the Red Team gained a 9-5 edge. Swinging into tonight's competition with the senior class taking over, the Black Team holds a 25-19 advantage in the 21st annual presentation of the girls' physical education department extravaganza.

Sharing the spotlight in last night's program was the selection of Lois DiUmberti for a year's scholarship at a Philadelphia dance school by Judge Jay Dash. Miss DiUmberti appeared in the non-competitive ballet number which depicted a boy meets girl situation highlighted by a wedding march finale. In addition to her starring performance, Miss DiUmberti is chairman of the event.

Last night's presentation had its misfortune, too, but team spirit was a compensating factor. Betty Halitski, Black Team captain, strained a thigh muscle during her introduction and missed appearing when her team won its first event. However after quick first aid, Betty was back to lead her team.

The Red Team gave indication

of victory last night when it was judged victor in first five events. And at the time cut the Black Team's overwhelming lead to 20-15.

Points were awarded to the Red Team for marching, team theme song, speciality dances, novelty race, modern exercises, cheers and decorations. The Red Team also won points for songs and rhythmic novelty specialties, events it tied with the Black Team. Each team receives a point when the event is judged a tie.

In addition to gaining points for the songs and rhythmic novelty dances, tied with the Red Team, the Black Team won the obstacle race, the tap dance portion of the program and the band selection.

Judges last night, in addition to Dash who operates a Philadelphia dance school, were: Miss Mildred Gilbert and Mrs. George Malbrock of Newark Eastside High School; Miss Edith B. Margerum, head of the Art Department of Princeton schools and Walter Chersack, director of the Bound Brook High School band.

In the past 20 Sport Nite presentations, both teams have won nine times and twice the competition ended in ties.

These little poodles are members of the Red Team character dance group "Once Upon a Dream," featured in this year's Sport Nite THS extravaganza. They are (left to right) Barbara Moon, Mary Ann Schwab, Deanna Brown and Marion Lisako. Looking on in the foreground is Arlene Sinchak.

# Red Team Slices Deficit In THS Girls' Sports Nite

The Red Team last night registered its second victory in two nights as the 21st annual Trenton High School Sports Nite went into its closing hours. The score was 7 to 5.

Thus, the accumulated score was Black Team 30, Red Team 26.

The closing and decisive performance is tonight.

It was another excitement — packed show last night as the Red Team backers yelled and howled as their representatives edged out another victory, cutting into the Black Team lead.

The Red Team last night gained points for marching, presentation of cheers, character dance, novelty race, tap, obstacle-race and decorations.

The Blacks scored in theme songs, rhythmic, band, team song and modern exercises.

The Black Band received the winning point again last night to make four straight wins but the members of the Red Team band are "wishing" that the tables will turn in tonight's competition. The Black Band is lead by Leonard Enourato, the Red group is under the baton of Russell Chiavoni.

The Red Team cheer leaders who portray "The Vibrant Fox Hunters" have scored every night for their team captained by Rose Con-

ti. Sandy De Vito heads the cheer leading group.

Due to a leg injury, Black Team captain Bety Halitsky was unable to run for the winning flag in last evening's contest. Chairman of the Black Team Cheer leading squad replaced Miss Halitsky in this role.

The judges for last night's contest were George Craig, director of physical education, Baldwin, Long Island; Miss Ethel Kolberg, physical Education Department, Baldwin, Long Island; Rene Kern, Brooklyn Central YMCA, Horace Hutchinson, director of the band at Morrisville High School and Robert Burns, assistant professor of art at Trenton State Teachers College.

Edward Murphy heads the committee on arrangements for the annual Sport Nite program.

*Trenton Times, March 25, 1955*

# Black Team Captures Honors In Joyous, Gloomy Finale Of 21st Annual Sport Nite

Tears of joy and sorrow were shed copiously Friday night as the Black Team staged a comeback to win the 21st annual girls' Sport Nite at Trenton High School by a score of 37 to 32.

The Blacks, outscored the two previous nights by the valiant Red squad, proved that they had their share of courage by winning the final night's competition 7 points to 6. They had gone into the last series of events with a none-too-safe 4-point lead.

## Cheers and Tears

As the final outcome was made known, the Black Team members and their supporters became almost hysterical with joy. Weeping, cheering and hugging one another, they crowded around their captain, Betty Halitsky, and hoisted her on their shoulders amid an ear-shattering din.

Betty, who had pulled a ligament in her leg Wednesday night and had been unable to run for the winning flag, limped out to the center of the floor and accepted the victory flag from mistress-of-ceremonies Valerie Cross.

On the Red Team's side of the floor, there were tears of anguish and disappointment. But the Reds and their captain, Rose Conti—had a lot to be proud of. Ten points behind after Tuesday night's program, they rallied like true champions on Wednesday and Thursday night to narrow the gap, and they made it close Friday night right down to the wire.

## Black Break Deadlock

By their victory, the Blacks broke a deadlock in the Sport Nite series over the first 20 years of the competition. At the start of this year's event, each team had nine victories and there were two ties.

As Friday night's program progressed, the capacity crowd of 1,600 persons grew more and more tense with excitement. When the final event—the obstacle race—began, virtually every one of the 1,600 was on his or her feet screaming.

The Blacks clinched their triumph by taking the points for marching, team theme songs, rhythmic, modern exercises, band and team song. The Reds kept in the running by winning points for cheers, character dance, obstacle race, novelty race and tap. The teams tied for decorations, receiving one point apiece.

The Black Team band, led by Leonard Enourato, was awarded the band competition point every night of the five-night show. The Red Team cheer leaders, captained by Sandy DeVito, also were winners each night of the event.

## Ballet Highlight

In the opinion of many observers, the highlight of the program was a non-competitive event—a ballet entitled "Every Girl's Wish," with Lois DiUmberti in the leading role. This beautiful presentation, climaxed by a wedding dance with ringing bells and showering confetti, stopped the show every night.

The theme of this year's program was "Make A Wish." Friday

night was "Review Night," with the best of both teams competing for the final victory.

Judges for the final night were George W. Jones, director of the Department of Health and Physical Education in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., schools; Marlon Bates and Jean Deobold, both of the Wilkes-Barre schools' physical education department; Miss Sarah E. Howe, arts and crafts instructor at Arts High School in Newark, and Robert Youngblood, director of bands at Glassboro High School and head of the South Jersey Bandmasters Association.

## Joy Knows No Bounds



Black Team members jump for joy after winning flag was raised.

## Loser Congratulates Winner



Rose Conti (right), leader of Red Team, congratulates Betty Halitsky, Black Team captain, on Sport Nite victory.





1955 Sport Nite Final



## Hail To The Champs



The Black Team's flag fluttered in the breeze at Trenton High School today — emblematic of victory in the 21st annual girls' Sport Nite competition. The

banner was raised at brief exercises this morning in front of the school. The entire student body watched. Left to right are Vincent A. Halbert, THS principal; Miss Rose Conti, Red Team

captain and Miss Betty Halitsky, Black Team captain. The Black Team emerged victorious by a score of 37 to 32. Before this year's competition, each team had 10 victories.

*Trenton Times, March 28, 1955*



**BLACK TEAM WINS —** Here is a closeup of a few of the celebrators as the Black team won the annual Girls' Sports Nite competition from the Reds at Trenton Central High School.

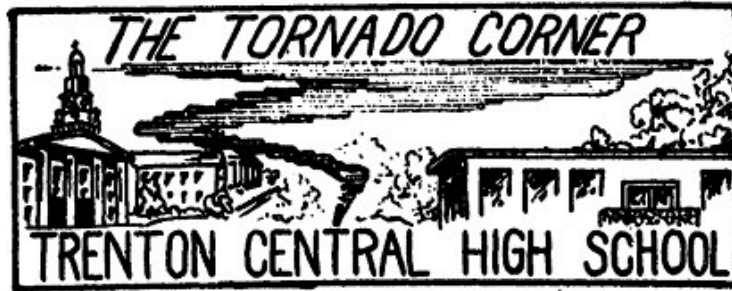
*Trenton Times, January 1, 1956*

## Queen Of Police Ball



Here is the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association's queen for 1956 — Miss Betty Hallitsky, 19-year-old Bell Telephone Company operator who lives at 1323 Indiana Avenue. She was crowned before some 2,500 persons Saturday night at the annual Policemen's Ball in the Capitol Arena. A 1955 graduate of Trenton Central High School, Miss Hallitsky was captain of the Black Team in the school's Sports Nite competition. As queen, she received a two-foot trophy, a wrist watch and other awards. Others given awards were the following dance competition winners: waltz, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Freelove of 2 Hardwick Drive, Hamilton Township; fox trot, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Squirek, 306 Dayton Street; mambo, Miss Marie November, 523 Mulberry Street, and Salvatore Antinoro, 89 Ferrier Avenue; jitterbug, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Von Schmidt of Bordentown, square dance, Miss Doris Stokely, 225 Pearl Street, and Robert Rake of Bristow, Okla.

*Trenton Times*, April 16, 1956



### Alumnus Returns To Lead Band

At a recent assembly, the students were entertained by Lenny Enourato and his band. Lenny is an alumnus of Trenton High and was the Black Team band leader for the 1955 Sports Night. Most of the boys in his band are alumni of Trenton High and others are presently students.

Members of the band are Lenny Enourato, Bill Forrester, Joe

Little, Ed Bagley, Nick Caprio, Mario La Bella, Angelo Arcadi-pane, Joe Mult, Tony Andzivino, Tony Bogden, Gil Loth, John Bonafonte and Bob Kranl.

*Trenton Times, February 11, 1959*



THE BLACK TEAM won the Sports Night competition that year — 1955 — and this was the scene as the team members carried off their captain, Betty Halitsky, in an impromptu victory parade. Members of Trenton Central High's class of '55 will get together for a reunion dinner on Sunday, September 14, at Angeloni's. For reeservations or details, call Edward Silver, class president, 989-9191.

*Trentonian, September 7, 1980*



**TO MARCH 21, 1955:** The 21st annual "Sports Nite" program opens at Trenton High with Rose Conti as captain of the Red Team, Betty Halitsky as captain of the Black Team, and Valerie Cross as mistress of ceremonies. Members of the stagecraft crew: Kathleen Camisi, Joanna Gray and Joan Buckley. Black Team takes 10-5 lead. . .

*Trentonian*, March 21, 1981