

DAVE FORST'S RECOLLECTION & ANONYMOUS RESPONSE

I don't know how I got into the 570 Westminster Road backyard, but I enjoyed the physical activity of banging into people and possibly tackling someone (very rare occurrence). At that time I was relatively small, very skinny. My "idols" were Lennie and Ronnie and I wanted to be as big and as strong as they were. So each night I would do many pushups and situps . I remember the big Saturday games at the parade grounds with a sense of dread and fear, hoping that I would not have to play. I looked forward to the end of the game when I would go home and my grandfather would make eggs and onions for the tired "athlete".

I remember a Panther gathering at Lenny's house where the discussion was about where we would be in the year 2000. For some reason I never forget it. I remember we held boxing matches at Herby Weinburg's house and being paired off with him . Both of us were equally inept. In addition I remember one night there when we were practicing choke holds and someone put Brav in a trance which he didn't come out of for a long time. I remember playing roulette over Stuart Fox's house, I don't remember who else was there except for Bobby Adler.

At age 14 I grew 6 inches and started playing basketball in the PS 217 schoolyard, most often with Stu Levison, Jerry Hanfling, Howie Greenberg and other sundry non Panthers.

Dave thank you for sharing.

I had the shared the same dread and fear of Saturdays that you mentioned. what the hell did we do it for?

Speaking of, "what the hell did we do it for" ... I was the one that put Herb out. At first I thought that he was kidding. I believed that he was not really "under". Then it became frightening but I guess he finally "came to" or did he?

I think we all secretly did our push=ups, deep knee bends and sit-ups in the privacy of our home at night.

Your recollections will be up on the site in about a week with the ever growing list of others.

Hey all you other people how about your contribution?

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