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May 9	May 10	May 11
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n (F) 3 caught-stealing.  
Graphic Arts 2 (5 inn.)  
Istia (H) 3-for-3.  
Ilo (H) 2-for-4, 2 RBI.  
ns 13, S. Garden 6  
Iza (JA) 2-2, 3 RBI.  
Izzo (JA) 3-3, 4 RBI.  
Stevenson (5 inn.)  
Izorro (L) CG, 9 Ks.  
Odo (L) 2-for-3, 4 RBI.  
Iquez (L) 4 RBI.  
1. Randolph 3  
MC) 2 hits, 3 RBI.  
her (MC) HR, 5 RBI.  
1. Boys & Girls 17  
rone (M) three hits, three RBI.  
onzalez (M) two hits, two RBI.  
hl 12, Grady 2  
Iacavoli (NU) 3 hits, 4 runs, 5  
rsky (NU) one-hitter.  
ights 24, John Jay 22  
Joseph (PH) 7 RBI, HR.  
lor (PH) 4 RBI.  
Bronx Science 6  
Roa (R) 3-4, HR.  
ias (R) WP.  
Bay 15, Canarsie 4  
erson (SB) four hits.  
dman (SB) HR.  
Spence 5  
(SA) 3-4.  
(SA) WP, complete game  
Prep 12, St. John's Prep 0  
Evitt (SF) 3-hitter, 12 K.  
enamin (SF) 2-2, 2 walks 2 RBI  
**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**  
Lafayette 6-12  
Ikevov (F) 14 kills, 15 assists.  
s 15-13-17, Hillcrest 13-15-15  
(JA) nine asts.  
5, Tele. 2-3  
Ibrilank (L) 14 sp.  
**BOYS TENNIS**  
s 5, LIC 0  
Ibrano (N) won 10-4.  
**GIRLS TENNIS**  
Gingsborough 2  
Inko (L) 10-0.  
**BOYS HANDBALL**  
ech 5, Van Arsdale 0  
on (BT) won 21-10.  
dy 0  
pez (F) won first singles.  
South Shore 1  
e, Kin Haw (M) won second  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Flushing 1  
rado (B) 3 goals.  
nce 5, JFK 0  
1 (BS) two goals.  
Madison 0  
cher (Mi) corner goal.  
Boys & Girls 0  
driguez (W) goal.

**SATURDAY TV/RADIO**

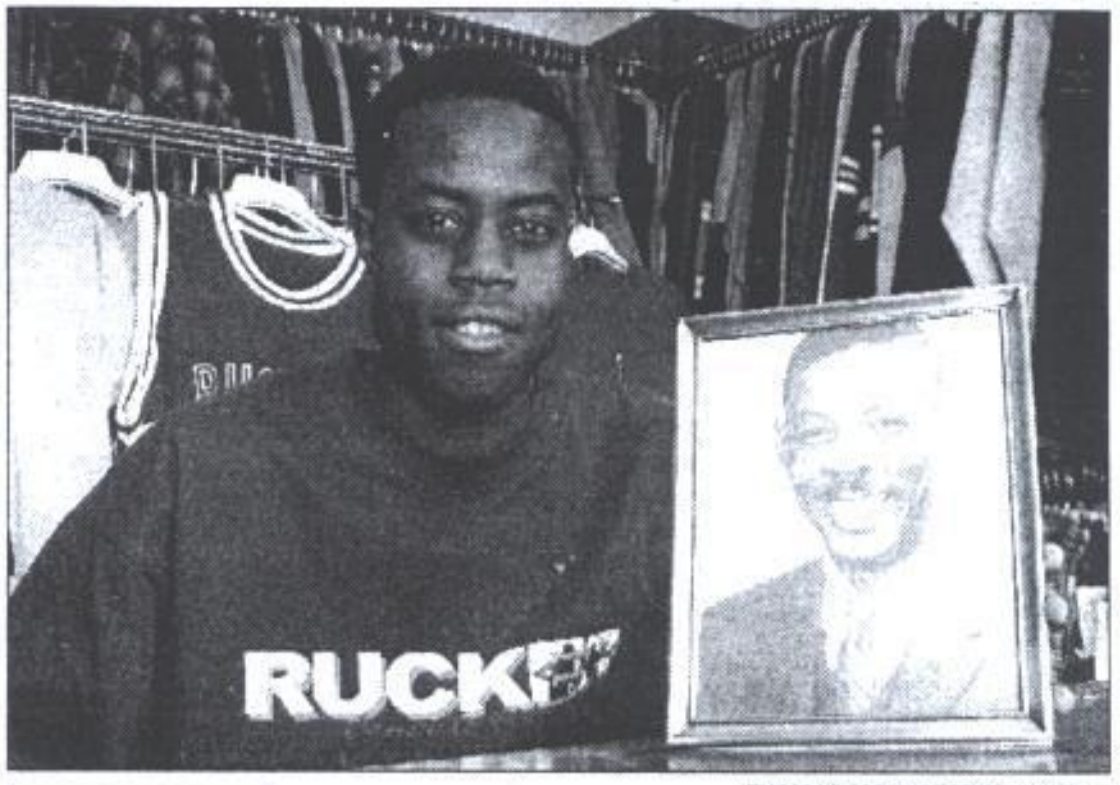
**BASEBALL**  
Orioles at Yankees, 1 p.m., Ch. 5, WABC-770 AM  
Mets at Marlins, 7 p.m., Ch. 11, WFAN-660 AM  
Phillies at Braves, 7 p.m., TBS  
**NBA PLAYOFFS**  
Sixers vs. Pacers, 3:30 p.m., Ch. 4  
**NHL PLAYOFFS**  
Devils at Maple Leafs, 7:30 p.m., FSNY, WABC-770 AM  
**HORSE RACING**  
Kentucky Derby, 4:30 p.m., Ch. 7  
**SOCCER**  
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m., ESPN2  
MetroStars at Columbus, 7:30 p.m., MSG, WWRU-1660 AM  
**AUTO RACING**  
Pontiac Excitement 400, 7:30 p.m., ESPN  
**BOXING**  
Paul Spadafora vs. Mike Griffith 5:30 p.m., HBO  
**GOLF**  
Compaq Classic, 2:30 p.m., Ch. 7  
The Philips Invitational, 3 p.m., Ch. 2  
The Home Depot Invitational, 5:30 p.m., ESPN  
**FOOTBALL**  
NFL Europe: Rhein at Barcelona, 1 p.m., FSNY  
**COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
NCAA championship, 2 p.m., ESPN2

**SUNDAY TV/RADIO**

**BASEBALL**  
Orioles at Yankees, 1 p.m., Ch. 5, WABC-770 AM  
Mets at Marlins, 1 p.m., Ch. 11, WEVD-1050 AM  
Astros at Dodgers, 8 p.m., ESPN, WFAN-660 AM  
**NBA PLAYOFFS**  
Knicks at Heat, 12:30 p.m., Ch. 4, WFAN-660 AM  
NBA playoffs, teams TBA, 3 p.m., Ch. 4  
NBA playoffs, teams TBA, 5:30 p.m., Ch. 4  
**NHL HOCKEY**  
Penguins at Flyers, noon, Ch. 7  
Sharks at Stars, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2  
**AUTO RACING**  
Ram Tough 200, 1:30 p.m., ESPN  
Actionline 300, 1:30 p.m., TNN  
USAC: Silver Crown Series, 4:30 p.m., ESPN2  
NHRA: Southern Nationals, 4:30 p.m., TNN  
**GOLF**  
Compaq Classic, 3 p.m., Ch. 7  
The Philips Invitational, 4 p.m., Ch. 2  
The Home Depot Invitational, 5:30 p.m., ESPN  
**SOCCER**  
U.S. Women's Cup: Canada /South Korea vs. USA/ Mexico, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2  
**TENNIS**  
USTA: Men's Clay Court Championships, 2 p.m., Ch. 2  
WTA: Betty Barclay Cup, 3 p.m., FSNY

**FAX US**

Question: It's Game 7 and the Knicks are down two points with :09 left. Who should they give the ball to and why?  
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THOMAS MONASTER DAILY NEWS

**FAMILY PLAN** Chris Rucker has carried on work of his grandfather Holcombe, whose famed tourney promotes education.

# Show on Rucker good hoops TV

By MICHAEL O'KEEFFE  
DAILY NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Bob McCullough was a 12-year-old Harlem gang member with a reputation as a fierce brawler when he met the man who would change his life.

Almost 50 years ago, McCullough's gang, the Politicians, was about to rumble with a rival outfit when the cops pulled up. McCullough stewed in a station house until Holcombe Rucker, a neighborhood park attendant, helped get him released and signed him up for a basketball team.

The gang banger went on to become a playground legend, then a college basketball star. He's been a Harlem community counselor and activist for several decades.

Rucker, meanwhile, went on to change basketball, New York City and American culture before his death in 1965 from cancer, at age 38.

"There would not be an NBA as we know it if it weren't for Holcombe Rucker," said Pee Wee Kirkland, the playground legend who now runs a program that continues Rucker's mission — pushing kids to excel in school, teaching them how to avoid the ghetto's pitfalls.

Rucker's life and legacy are examined in "On Hallowed Ground," a TNT documentary that premieres tomorrow night.

In 1946, Rucker organized the nation's first summer basketball tournaments for boys and girls. His goal was simple: to keep kids busy and out of trouble during the summer.

"His idea was to get kids in the neighborhood to do the right thing," said former Knick Cal Ramsey. "What Rucker preached to us was the value of education, to use our basketball skills to get into college."

Chris Rucker, Holcombe's 29-year-old grandson, said his grandfather helped hundreds of kids enroll at the Laurinburg Institute, a North Carolina prep school that offers students a more structured environment than most New York City public schools.

"New York would not look like it does without my grandfather," said Chris Rucker, whose firm, Rucker Holdings, continues to link basketball with education and community service. "Many people who got involved in the Rucker tournament went on to college because of my grandfather."

In 1950, Rucker established a pro division that went on to teach the NBA a thing or two about the game.

In the early years, the Rucker Tournament was the only venue for many basketball greats. "It was like the Negro Leagues in baseball," said Holcombe's son Phillip. "There were black players in the NBA, but there was a quota system, so there were just one or two blacks on each team."

Back in those days, the NBA frowned on the very moves that make it so popular today: dunks, one-on-one juking, between-the-legs dribbling, behind-the-back passes.

But those moves were all but mandatory at Rucker Park.

Dr. J and other Rucker veterans brought those moves to the ABA and later the NBA, helping pro hoops rise from a secondary sport to the pervasive cultural influence it is today.

Not a bad legacy for a park attendant.

"The Rucker job is still being done," Kirkland said. "There's no way to say how many lives were affected by Rucker."

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