

Brenner, Reiter Named On Best City Quintet

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Two Jewish athletes, both graduates of Fifth Avenue High School and Duquesne University, are selected on the all-time City League high school basketball team, chosen by Johnny Dickson, popular coach at Connelley Trade School, whose team has finished in the runnerup position for three successive years.

The two athletes, Marty Reiter and Irving Brenner, who have played together these many years in amateur, high school, collegiate and independent circles, are the Jewish boys honored by Coach Dickson.



Marty Reiter

Dickson, in making his selection known, chose Reiter as the greatest basketball guard he had ever seen in scholastic circles, while Brenner was named as the greatest center.

And what three former City League stars do you think he named for the remaining positions? None other than Bill Jesko, of South High School, at forward; Freddie Crum, former Schenley star, now a member of the McKeesport Willys at forward, and Joe Mihm, former Schenley High flash and later a grid star at Carnegie Tech, at the other guard post.

A number of Jewish fans will be surprised over the selection of Joe Mihm, who never was a flashy player in the City High School League, but Dickson emphasized the fact that the former Schenley football and basketball ace was a team-worker from start to finish.

Speaking of Reiter and Brenner, these two boys have been playing together almost 12 years. They started together at the Irene Kaufmann Settlement House, went through Fifth Avenue High together, continued their friendship at Duquesne University and now are teammates at the Young Men's Hebrew Association. It's a regular Damon and Pythias act as far as those two youngsters are concerned.

Charles R. (Chick) Davies, popular coach at Duquesne University and incidentally one of the greatest collegiate mentors in the country, as his brilliant and envious record attests, was one of those who differed with The Jewish Criterion's selection of an all-time Jewish basketball team. Davies still maintains that Brenner was the greatest Jewish center ever developed hereabouts, while in Reiter, he claims he had a guard who was second to none. Both boys played important roles in establishing the Dukes as one of the greatest collegiate teams in the country. We don't blame Davies for lauding them to the skies.

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