PATHETICS AHEAD

Intramurals Near Championship

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The intramural basketball championship has been narrowed to three teams after Tuesday night’s playoff games. Champions for the last two years and favorites again this year are the Pathetics. Against the Gunners Tuesday night, they had difficulties for three quarters, but finally pulled ahead in the last eight minutes and won 50-47.

The Gunners, playing a 2-2 zone with Andy Rooker covering Ralph Knoohuizen, kept the Pathetics leading scorer fairly well bottled up. Ray Hooten and Lyn Morris shooting from the outside led the late rally that finally won the game.

Good Bench

The Pathetics have the strongest bench and leading scorer in intramurals this year. Knoohuizen averaged over 20 points a game and the Pathetics consistently play eight or nine players a game.

In the other game Tuesday night, the Celtics easily defeated the Navasota Rattlers 57-30. The biggest challenge to the Pathetics’ domination will probably come from the Celtics. They have a very balanced offense and one of the toughest defenses in intramurals.

Every starter on the team is averaging over 10 points a game. The defense is a 1-3-1 zone that causes many turnovers. Jay Collins and Bill Palmer usually dominate the boards, and Paul Marosov usually steals enough passes at the point of the zone to keep anybody’s offense from working consistently.

One More Game

The Celtics must play one more game before they earn the right to play the Pathetics. Friday night at 7:15, they meet the winners of the Friday league—the Pseudo Jocks. The Jocks are led by the second high scorer in intramurals, Stuart Long. Also they have good height—capable of fielding a team averaging 6’3”.

John Suctek and Kenny Hall are capable of controlling the boards against the Celtics, but it is doubtful that the Jocks will be able to consistently break the 1-3-1 zone.