

# Bulldogs Overpower Wesleyan, 106-70

By MIKE TAYLOR

ROCKY MOUNT — It was inevitable from the start — the only real questions to be answered was when and by how many.

The answer to the first question came early in the second half when Atlantic Christian College put on a surge that left North Carolina Wesleyan reeling.

After eight minutes in the final half of the Bulldogs-Bishop clash here last night only the second question remained unsolved.

That answer came at the gun, 106-70 ACC's favor.

The outclassed Bishops made it interesting for a while.

ACC built up an early 10-point lead only to see a determined Wesleyan squad trim the margin to four.

The Bulldogs built that margin back up to nine at the half but

then Wesleyan came steaming back in the early going of the final half to trim the margin back down to four.

That was it though for the Bishops.

They missed a chance at cutting the lead down to two points and then from there it was ACC all the way.

The Bulldogs of Ben Pomeroy outscored their host 10-2 in the next four minutes to put this contest away — the first road win of the season for ACC.

The win boosts the Bulldogs to 7-12 overall this year and 4-2 in the district.

The offensive output of the night, by far the most productive for the Bulldogs, showed all five ACC starters in the double-figure column.

Steadily improving Ron Bowen knocked in 20 points, most of them on a "for-sure"

short jumper he has perfected along the baseline.

Forward Robbie Cook added 16 more points, most on outside jumpers, while center Allen Searson and guard Russell Eaves both had 14. Jimmy Nixon chunked in 12 more to round out the starting five.

Bill Manson, whose early shooting antics kept the Bishops in the contest, finished with 30 to lead all scorers.

It was just a case of too much firepower.

ACC opened fast on the attack, hitting almost everything they threw towards the hoop.

And, to go with that attack the Bulldogs' pressure defense forced the Bishops into mistakes galore in the opening minutes.

The Bulldogs scored the first six points on buckets by Eaves, Cook and Bowen before the Bishops cracked the scoreboard.

That margin jumped up to 22-10 with just 14:20 gone in the match.

Eaves had six of those points to lead the early surge.

The only thing to stop the Bulldogs now was the Bulldogs themselves. A rash of fouls sent Wesleyan into the one and one situation with 12:30 left and most of the rest of the first half the steady sound of the official's whistle stopped AC's attack.

Wesleyan could not take advantage of their chances at the line or the game would have

been closer in the early going. But, while Wesleyan could not rally at the line they did on the floor and trimmed the lead down to 27-24 with 7:40 to play. Dave Hummer and Manson sparked the rally.

The Bulldogs' pressure managed to spread the Bishops' offense out but the Wesleyan club penetrated frequently to get the high percentage shot.

It fell for a while and Wesleyan made a game of it.

But, the close contest was short-lived.

Bowen knocked in a short jumper to make it 29-24 before Larry Russell hit on a jumper to send AC up 31-24 with 5:33 to go. Cook added a basket to send the margin to 33-24 before Wesleyan could stop the streak.

That surge lifted the Bulldogs to their nine-point 45-36 halftime lead.

Dana Wade joined Manson in bringing the Bishops back in the early going in the final half.

Wade scored the first our points of the half and then Manson hit three straight shots, his final bucket made it 50-46 with 16:28 to go.

But, that was as close as the host could come. Searson got a bucket to make it 52-46 and 30 seconds later Cook connected to make it 54-46 with 15:30 to play.

Neal Chambers got two for the Bishops but then ACC got eight straight points on two buckets by

Bowen and baskets from Cook and Eaves to make it 62-48. Eaves to make it 62-48.

The only question left now was whether a Wesleyan squad of only eight players could finish out the night before more than three fouled out.

The Bishops were hit with the fouls that final half and finished up with three of their eight sitting on the bench after fouling out.

The offensive fireworks were not just limited to the first five this night.

Reserve Greg Killingsworth hit three straight jumpers in the first half to help the Bulldogs out to that nine point bulge at the half and finished with nine points.

Reserve Richard Battle, a Rocky Mount native, got eight points for the home fans while Gilbert Turner came in to score seven more.

ACC, which had the hot hand all night from the floor, finished with a blistering 59 per cent shooting mark.

The Bulldogs also held a 43-25 rebounding edge.

Searson hauled in 18 to pace the Bulldogs while Bowen had ten more.

The Bulldogs get back into the Carolinas Conference wars Thursday night when they travel to High Point. The Bulldogs beat High Point by three points earlier in the season.

## Hackney II Triumphs

In intramural basketball games of Wednesday, January 30, Hackney II beat Sig Ep 44-42, Day I topped Sigma Pi 79-44, Hackney I defeated Waters II 47-42, Waters I routed Day II 83-71, and Delta Sig beat Alpha Sig 41-36.

The Hackney II Sig Ep game ended with a 40-40 score, but Thurmond Hobbs scored four points in the overtime period to put the game away for Hackney. Hobbs finished with a total of 18 points. Rick Babyak led Sig Ep with 22 points.

Day I had five players in double figures: Spencer Eakes

(18), Skeeter Whitlow (14), Mike Harrison (12), and Don Holt and David Babb with 10 apiece. George Wallace Gentry hit 18 points for the Pi's.

Hackney I was sparked by Mike Kinlaw with 16 points. Jim Farthing led Waters with 15.

Tommy Butts led Waters I with 25 points. John Dutton chipped in 18 points. Jimmy Elliot led Day II with 17 points.

The Delta Sigs rode to victory behind Rich Glover and Bill Anderson. The pair scored 17 and 14 points respectively. Poot Wilkins tallied 13 points to lead Alpha Sig.

Next week's action is as follows:

Mon., Feb. 11

6:30 Sigma Pi vs. Day II  
Alpha Sig vs. Sig Ep

7:45 Hackney II vs. Waters I  
Delta Sig vs. Hackney I

9:00 Waters II vs. Day I

Tues., Feb. 12

6:30 Hackney I vs. Hackney II  
Waters I vs. Waters II

7:45 Sig Ep vs. Delta Sig  
Day I vs. Day II

9:00 Sigma Pi vs. Alpha Sig

In intramural basketball action Monday, the so-called "dream match" ended in victory for Day I as the Waters I squad forfeited the game in the third quarter. Waters called it quits after about a minute had been played in the third quarter. At this point Day I was leading 39-18. Skeeter Whitlow led the scoring with 11 points.

In other action Day II beat Hackney I 46-44, Sigma Pi defeated Delta Sig 44-40, Sig Ep whipped Waters II 47-40, and Hackney II knocked off Alpha

Sig 43-37.

Bill Kent and Charles Finch led Day II with 11 points each. Jimmy Cobb scored 16 for Hackney I.

The Sigma Pi team was led by G.W. Gentry's 14 points. Rich Glover led Delta Sig with 16 points. Sig Ep Rick Babyak scored 22 points while Jim Farthing's 17 points was tops for Waters II.

The Alpha Sig's, despite Ray Wilkins' 22 points, bowed to a fired up Hackney team, led by Thurmond Hobbs and David

Blackman, who scored 11 and 10 points respectively.

The standings as of today is as follows:

1st	Day I	5-0
2nd	Day II	4-1
tie	Hackney II	4-1
tie	Waters I	4-1
5th	Hackney I	3-2
6th	Sigma Pi	2-3
7th	Waters II	1-4
tie	Sig Ep	1-4
tie	Delta Sig	1-4
10th	Alpha Sig	0-5

Intramural Basketball	
Top Ten Scorers	
Tommy Butts, Waters I	28.0
Ricky Babyak, Sig Ep	20.6
Jimmy Elliott, Day II	17.0
Spencer Eakes, Day I	16.0
Ray Wilkins, Alpha Sig	16.0
Jimmy Cobb, Hackney I	15.5
Skeeter Whitlow, Day I	14.6
John Dutton, Waters I	13.8
Rich Glover, Delta Sig	13.2
G.W. Gentry, Sigma Pi	13.0

## Bulldogs Mystify Methodist Monarchs

By ALLEN STALLINGS

The Atlantic Christian College homecourt mystery once again seemed to be working for the Bulldog team here last Thursday night.

For the Methodist Monarchs they were another victim to the Bulldogs, who by far plays its best basketball on its own court.

For the mighty Bulldogs, their spurts against the Monarchs were just too much for them as

ACC ended up taking the win 87-81 in this District 29 play.

The Bulldogs knew what to do Thursday night and to the inside they went. The inside play of center Allen Searson and forward Ron Bowen was very effective when ACC went to this play.

For Searson, scored ten straight points in one two-minute stretch in the first half to keep the pace moving the pace

moving for the Bulldogs.

But for some unknown reason the Bulldogs stopped going inside as much and Methodist came back to tie the game 42 all, at the half.

Like "Smoking" Joe Frazier coming out smoking, so did the ACC Bulldogs at the start of the second half. They pushed the margin to 48-42 before the Monarchs could buy a basket, and that lead held up.

The Bulldogs, played a very effective zone during the final half, that pushed the margin out to 12 at one point before the Monarchs tried to rally back.

With 11:00 left, Methodist got a quick ten points, to cut the Bulldogs' lead down to four with nine minutes left to play.

But, for the Bulldogs, their cool, calm, collective, head coach Ben Pomeroy called a time-out in order to regroup.

After the time-out, the clutch shooter Jim Nixon came back to hit eight points in the final minutes to give the Bulldogs the victory.

The Bulldogs had a great shooting night, hitting for 55 per cent from the floor, while Methodist hit 53.

The players, well what can I say, except they played fantastic.

Center Allen Searson, had excellent inside moves for the evening and finished with 11

field goals to be top scorer with 22 points.

Forward Ron Bowen, who could not miss the baseline jumper, hit for 17 along with an impressive 13 rebounds.

Co-captain guard Jim Nixon who got into early foul trouble, came back in the second half to do his thing with 14 points. While the other co-

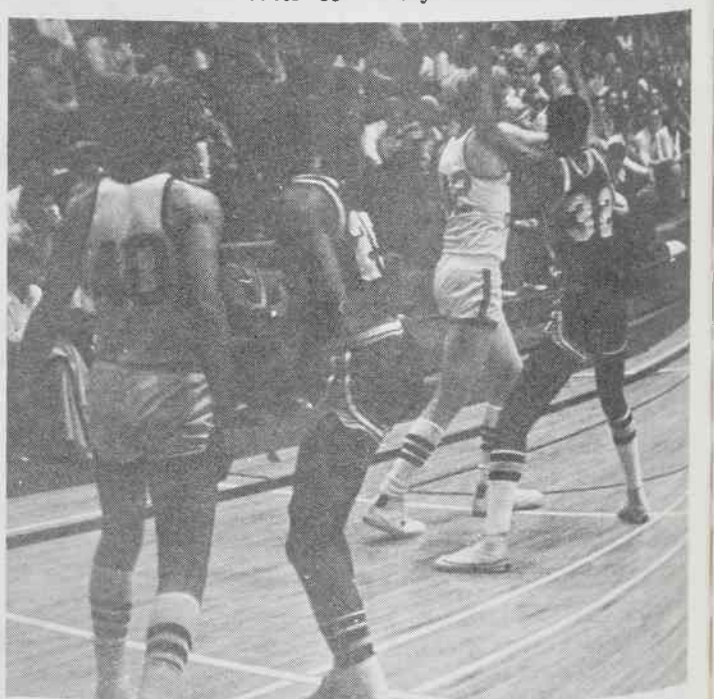
captain Russell Eaves hit for five.

Both forwards Richard Battle and Robbie Cook hit for 11 points to help boost the Bulldog victory.

The Bulldogs gave a great home performance for those fans that missed it, but wait — this Saturday night the mighty team plays host to Pfeiffer, so be their to see another home victory.



Two On One: Ron Bowen fights alone against two Methodist players. Bowen's baskets counted heavy in the 87-80 Atlantic Christian victory.



Ron Bowen and Allen Searson work hard to get open for a pass against a tough Methodist defense.