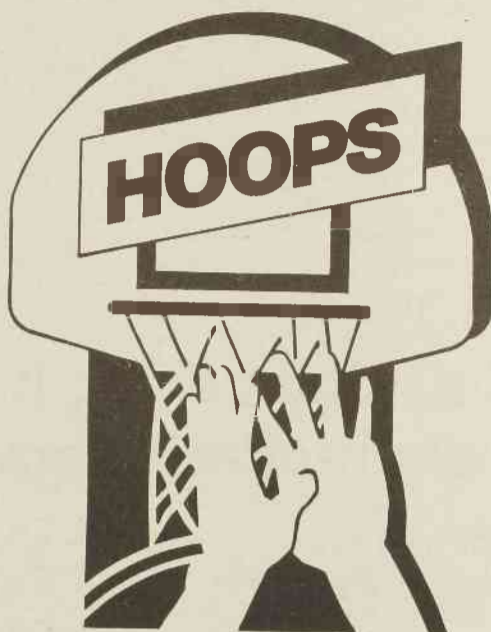


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Buffy's nifty picks

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Comeback player of the year

No, it's not Jason. It's Dain Magoda leading the Belle offense.

Belle season in review

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Give the Bennett basketball team credit.

They had a better start than the Duke Blue Devils. And as the season terminates, they have a lot to be proud of.

The Belles, now 9-12, are about to complete an injury-plagued season with the N.C. Invitational Tournament Feb. 17-19 and Wesleyan College Tournament Feb. 24-25.

Luckily, the Belles will have their star point guard, Dain Magodo, back into action after having a leave of absence in the second half of the season. The Belles have a chance to balance out their record. Hopefully, they

will utilize their home-court advantage.

Coach Joyce Spruill has a positive outlook on the tournaments, but stressed her troop is lacking numbers.

"Like last year, we have a lack of player commitment," Spruill said.

With a lost against cross-town rivals, Greensboro College, 43-72, the Belles clinched a victory against Baruch College, 58-53.

Things were looking bright for the Belles until Pam Dabbs, Averett College's all-time leading scorer, came in and rained on their parade. Averett defeated the Belles in the waning minutes of the game, 70-66.

In the most anticipated game of the year, the Spelmanites of

Spelman College came to Goode Gymnasium and "Rocked the Belles," 61-41. In a sardine-packed gym, the Belles came out hot, but allowed Spelman to have a 12-point halftime advantage. Malika Stewart, of Spelman, hit nothing but net, with 17 points, thrashing the Belles' defense.

Bennett hoopsters got sweet revenge against Sweetbriar College with a 71-33 victory Feb. 7. Sophomore Leticia Jolly lead the team with 22. Newcomer Anna Mahaka, of Zimbabwe, followed with 21.

The Belles' hardwood season is coming to an end. With a team full of underclasswomen, the Belles should have successful seasons in the future.



Trouble shooter of the year

Leticia Jolly displays her hang time against Sweet briar College.



Center of attention
Nikki Berryman, Belle center, aims for the glass during the Bennett Spelman Classic.



Golden hustle award

Amanda Peccioni, No. 14 battles for position against Spelman College.



Rookette of the year
Latoya Tyce anticipates a pass from a teammate against Spelman.