Eagles pop Bear's baskets to put by Rick Cannon

Highlights Sports

West Craven High's Eagles, behind the rebounding and scoring of Mike Emanuel and Rufus Harris, came from behind to erase a 26-21 New Bern halftime lead to win, 66-58 at home last Saturday night. The win was the cagles' fifth straight with no losses thus far this season.

After an exciting first first half, which saw the Eagles miss capitalizing on numerous Bear turnovers, the Eagles began to get their game together. Over one minute elapsed in the third period before New Bern increased their lead to seven at 28-21 with 6:49 left in the period. Finally, the Eagles began to exert their board dominating style, scoring three quick

baskets to pull within one. From that point on the teams traded baskets with the Bears never quite being able to shake the determined Eagles. The game began to turn toward the Eagles when they went to their alternating full and half-court zone presses. Four straight Eagle buckets produced a five point lead with 2:48 remaining in the third quarter.

With about one minute left in the third period, the ball bounced the Eagles' way with dramatic results. A steal by New Bern's Glendale Gibbs for an easy lay up was nullified by a personal foul call. New Bern Coach Jimmy Thames protested the call and drew a technical foul for his efforts. In high school basketball, a technical foul on the coach awards a mandatory two shots.

Forrest Moore cooly sank both ends of his one and one free throws for the personal foul then equally cooly swished both technical bonuses. Seconds later Craig Barfield converted one free throw coming after the Eagles' inbounds play capping a five point play for the Eagles and sending Bear floor general Glendale Gibbs to the bench with five fouls.

In spite of their good fortune in the third quarter, the Eagles still had a scrappy, if rudderless. New Bern team to contend with in the final period. The Bears made a last gasp to come within one point, 50-49. From that moment on the Eagles pressure zone defense prevailed sending the Eagles up by as many as nine on two occassions before finaling winning by eight, 66-58.

West Craven-Moore 0 1-2 1. Harris 6 5-9 17, Green 4 1-1 9, F. Moore 0 4-4 4. Emanuel 10 6-6 26, Jenkins 3 1-3 7, Barfield 0 2-4 2-23 20-29 66.

New Bern-Chadwick 4 1-1 9. Spellman 2 0-0 4, James 8 2-2 18, Suggs 4 3-3 11, Miller 2 0-0 4, Gibbs 3 1-2 7, Holt 1 1-2 3, Taylor 1 0-0 2--25 8-10 58. Team Fouls-West Craven 11. New Bern 22 Fouled out-James, Gibbs Halftime score-NB 26, WC 21

1979-80 WCHS WRESTLING (kneeling) Ronnie Freeman, TEAM--West Craven High School's Tyrone Greer, Ronnie Bosley, Varsity Wrestling Squad currently Kenny Roberson, Levette Gardner, has a 2-4 record going into (first row) Michael Bryan, Jack Christmas break. The members of Swanner, and Billy Flake. (Not the team are (standing) Ed McCoy, Pictured-Don Hughes, coach; Tony Charles Booker, Randolph Hardy, Sullivan and James Ingram. (Photo Jim Lewis, Julius Baker, Wade by Joey Whitley) Massey, Eric Baker (mgr.).

Eagles blast East Carteret, 47-30

WEST CRAVEN 47 EAST CARTERET 30

98-Wade Sokosky (EC) pinned Billy Flake (WC) 1st, 105-Jack Swanner (WC) pinned Frank Harvell (EC) 2nd, 112-Bill Schaas (EC) won by forfeit, 119-Tim Farlow (EC) pinned James Ingram (WC) 1st, 126-Kenny Roberson (WC) and Joe

Madden (EC) wrestled to a draw, 132-Mike Bryan (WC) pinned Bryan Tyndall (EC) 3rd, 138-Ronnie Freeman (WC) pinned Scott Naegalen (EC) 3rd, 145-James Baker (WC) decisioned Albert Tosto (EC) 13-9, 155-Julius Baker (WC) pinned Jimmy Mason (EC) 2nd, 167-Jim Lewis (WC) pinned Eddie Hill (EC) 1st, 185-David Trego

(EC) pinned Charles Booker (WC) 1st, 195-Randolph Hardy (WC) pinned Todd Nelson (EC) 2nd, Unlimited-Larry Sanders (EC) decisioned Ed McCoy (WC)

Eagles blast Hurricanes

by Rick Cannon Highlights Sports

Three in a row

Last week, the Lady Eagles of West Craven High School extended their winning streak to three games with a Friday night thumping of Pamlico 65-52. Earlier the girls had blasted the Hurricanes in Bayboro 71-37 in a Tuesday evening game. The streak began on December 3 with a 45-40 heart throbber over New Bern at West Craven. Currently the girls sport a 3-2 record.

Friday night, Pamlico failed to score a single point until almost the entire first quarter had icked away. The Eagles hind the shooting ouches of Gwen Harris, Monica Brown and Laura Lancaster built a thirteen point lead before allowing the Hurricanes to score a field goal.

In the second quarter, Pamlico closed to within four points with five and one-half minutes to go in the half. Two long passes to Laura Lancaster for easy lay ups put the Eagles back up by eight. Just after the half, the Hurricanes again threatened to make a game of it coming to within five 28-23. Following a time ut the Eagles cruised to victory leading by as many as eighteen points during the fourth quarter.

"The girls are really beginning to play together

better," one coach commented, "Of course we still have some improvements to make." The girls played North Lenoir at West Craven last night.

Scoring WEST CRAVEN-Gatlin 1 4-66, Lancaster 5 1-2 11, Harris 7 3-4 17, Hargett 32-38, Brown 65-9 17, C. Hargett 10-02--2515-26

65. PAMLICO-Davis 9 3-7 21, Green 8 2-5 18, Smith 3 4-7 10. Johnson 10-02, Wetherington 0 1-2 1--21 10-23 52. West Craven 12 16 16 21 - 65

1 17 13 21 - 52 Pamlico

LATE BOXES

West Craven Girls 71

Pamilco 37 WEST CRAVEN-Gatlin 9 Lancaster 7, G. Harris 12, E. Hargett 5, Brown 21, Allen 1, Whitford 6, E. Brown 6, Speed 4--28 15-45 71. PAMLICO-Davis 6, Green 12,

Moore 6, Smith 5, McDonald 2, Johnson 6--16 5-17 37. West Craven 15 24 20 12 - 71 Pamlico 8 9 8 12 - 37

West Craven 45 New Bern 40 WEST CRAVEN-Lancaster 4, Harris 16, E. Hargett 2, I. Moore 3, Jones 2, Brown 10, Gatlin 2, Speed 6--18 9-26 45. NEW BERN-Ellerbee 10, Duffey 4, Dixon, M. Williams 16. B. Williams 7, Cohen 3--15 10-22 40.

West Craven 7 9 13 11 - 45 New Bern 9 3 15 13 - 40

Harris leads

After five games, Gwen Harris leads the Eagle scoring attack with a 11.6 points per game average. Monica Brown is next with 9.2 per game while Laura Lancaster is averaging 8.2.

Matmen split

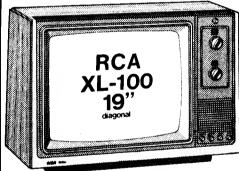
by Rick Cannon Highlights Sports

West Craven High's Wrestling team split its matches this week winning big at East Carteret, 47-30 and stunned by a surprising White Oak squad, 47-18. The Eagles are now 2-4 on the season overall and 1-3 in the Coastal 3-A Conference race.

Going into Christmas break Jim Lewis remains the only Eagle wrestler undefeated. He stands 6-0 on the season with all of his victories coming by pins. At East Carteret, Jack Swanner, Mike Bryan, Jim Lewis, Ronnie Freeman Julius Baker and Randolph Hardy all recorded pins while James Baker decisioned his opponent and Kenny Roberson earned a draw. Ed McCov suffered his first defeat of the season in a 14-6 decision.

White Oak won all but three matches in last Monday night's match at West Craven. Jim Lewis scored pin number six and Ed McCoy returned to the winning ways by pinning his opponent in the third period. Billy Flake got the other Eagle victory by forfeit. Ronnie Freeman suffered his first defeat at the hands of White Oak's Wayne Hall, 6-2.

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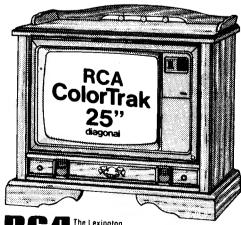
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