



Allen holds on for win over Pam Pack's Richard

Allen 8-1, Johnstone Wins

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WASHINGTON — West Craven wrestler Jason Allen improved his record to 8-1 and James Johnstone recorded his first victory, but the Eagle matmen are still struggling as they seek to build and improve the wrestling program.

The Eagles took on Washington's Pam Pack on the Pack's home floor in the Pack's Class 3-A Coastal Conference wrest-

ling opener with a 49-15 victory over West Craven last Thursday night. Although the Pack won, head coach Billy Ray Brown wasn't overjoyed.

Not when he could look ahead to two tough home matches this week against conference frontrunners D.H. Conley and West Carteret.

Coach Clay Jordan declined to comment on the matches, except for mentioning the record of the Eagles' Allen. Previously, Jor-

dan has said inexperience would be a major factor in the Eagles' mat performances this season. The program is in its third year after going into mothballs for several years.

"Overall, we're going to have to wrestle better and work on some technical things if we're going to go after the conference championship," Brown said. "I'm not knocking our effort tonight. But West Craven went after us and Conley and West Carteret will

too.

"I'm kind of scared about Tuesday night (a match held at D.H. Conley). I don't know what team will show up for us. Will it be the team that (upset) New Bern or will it be . . . ?"

The Pack squad that appeared versus West Craven posted three wins by pin and won five matches by decision. The Pack forfeited the 103-pound weight class and was awarded wins by forfeit at 152, 160 and 189.

Environmental, Military Needs Eyed By Panel

Policy Recommendations Hoped To Bring Balance

By MIKE VOSS
Editor

WASHINGTON — Saying it wants to address the effects of all military activities — not just the use of airspace — the Coastal Resources Commission's Military Activities Task Force held its initial meeting Thursday in Washington.

The task force was created to review environmental problems related to military activity.

Members of the task force — including members from the Navy, Marines and Air Force — were asked to develop standards for evaluating the effects of proposals identifying issues needing further study.

In each category the task force has been asked to consider certain items. They are:

— Standards — review existing regulations as they apply

to military activities, fill in gaps or alternatives for the regulations and recommend specific standards.

— Procedures — evaluate current review process of proposed expanded military activities, consider changes in the process and recommend any changes.

— Issues — identify special issues that may need further study and recommend how that study should be pursued.

A letter from the Coastal Resources Commission chairman, Daniel V. Besse, to the task force members said: "As you know, facilities along North Carolina's coast play a key role in our nation's defense structure. The magnitude and variety of these military activities make them both a major component of our

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West Craven Wrestlers Run Into Tough Pam Pack Squad

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Christopherson's pin at 1:19 gave the Pack the lead after West Craven had taken the early lead with the forfeit at 103 pounds. Patrick Paul closed the margin to 6-4 with a 14-2 decision at 1:12. West Craven, however, closed the margin as James Johnstone earned his first win by outlasting Joey Roberson 10-9 at 1:25. Johnstone was behind 8-5 at the end of the second period but

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Graham: Farm Income Likely To Increase In '89

The following is the text of a speech on the outlook for agriculture in North Carolina for 1989 delivered by N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham recently. Over the past few years, the remarks have become known as the "state of the farm" report.

Despite the drought that hurt eastern North Carolina and the Piedmont to a lesser degree, North Carolina total farm income likely will increase in 1988.

Drought devastated crop yields in much of the nation resulted in higher commodity prices, bringing mixed blessings to North Carolina farmers. Crop farmers benefited from the higher prices, combined with increased production. While prices generally remained good for most poultry and some livestock, producers had to pay higher feed costs.

The crop sector probably will show the largest income gain in 1988 because of higher commodity prices (See Table 1) and increased production. Overall livestock income likely will improve slightly. Higher prices and production will raise income and higher prices will offset lower production in some sectors, more than compensating for lower prices and production in

others. For the first 11 months of 1988, average farm prices for major crops improved markedly from 1987. Soybeans led the way with a 43 percent price increase, followed by corn, up 37 percent; wheat, up 29 percent; peanuts, up three percent; and flue-cured tobacco, up one percent.

In addition to higher crop prices, production increased in 1988. Soybean production increased 25 percent with record high yields averaging 29 bushels an acre. Although acreage was down, higher corn yields boosted production 11 percent. Production of sorghum for grain rose 51 percent.

As a result of higher yields and increased acreage, flue-cured tobacco production increased 16 percent; burley tobacco production rose nine percent; cotton production increased 37 percent and peanut production rose nine percent.

In North Carolina, broiler production was up somewhat. Turkey and egg production were down slightly. While beef cattle marketings were down, hog marketings were up slightly. Milk production was down slightly.

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Quiet Hideaway Up The Creek

Sometimes, what a person really needs is to be left alone. That's when a place in the woods with no visible neighbors comes in handy. What if all those you tried to escape find you there? Then it's

out to the sailboat. Run up the sails and dash for the peace. Make them swim to find you.

(Ric Carter photo)

Damage Said In Thousands

Investigation Of Blaze In Trailer To Continue

Fire officials are still investigating the cause of a fire that erupted in a trailer on Clarks Road in Vanceboro last Thursday night.

Asked if the investigation is continuing, Vanceboro Volunteer Fire Department Chief Stanley Kite said, "Yes it is, very much so." Firemen began investigating the origin of the blaze the next day, said Kite, who was contacted Tuesday.

The fire reportedly erupted approximately 7 p.m. in the trailer owned by Pittman Fillingame Jr.

According to Kite, there was nobody inside the structure when the fire started. The structure is actually two trailers connected with each other. The fire was spotted and the alarm called in by a neighbor, said Kite.

Firefighters fought the fire for approximately two hours before being contained, but a hot spot flared up about 11 p.m. and firemen were called to the scene a second time, he said.

The second fire was extinguished in a short time, he said.

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Top-Ranked Lady Eagles Down Havelock Girls

West Craven's girls remained unbeaten by rolling past Havelock; West Carteret held off Class 2-A non-conference opponent Ayden-Grifton and East Carteret beat North Lenoir in Coastal Conference girls' action Tuesday night.

In Coastal boys' games, Havelock and North Lenoir remained unbeaten in the league with victories while West Carteret lost to Ayden-Grifton.

West Craven's girls, behind an unrelenting press and a proficient fast-break offense, rolled to a 23-8 first-quarter lead, led 44-19 at the half and

broke its season-high total for points with a 78-65 victory over the Havelock in a battle between the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams in the East.

West Craven, 1-0 in the loop and 11-0 overall, was led by point guard Linetta Bryant, who had a career-high 28 points — 10 in the first quarter. Chundra Croell, the league's leading scorer at 19 points a game, added 21, while Evelyn Brimmer chipped in 14.

Dee Godette led Havelock with 28 points, including 13 (with three 3-pointers) during a third-quarter run that saw Havelock slice the lead to six. Lady Eagle coach Liz Cox

was pleased with the victory.

"I just hope it (winning) lasts a little while longer," she said.

And Cox doesn't expect things to get any better for the top-ranked girls' team in the east. "I imagine other teams will be gunning for us," she said.

Havelock coach Donna Eason was not pleased. "We stood back on our heels and let them take it to us," she said.

For Cox, the win was probably bittersweet — sweet because it was a win over county rival Havelock and a little bitter maybe because Havelock

is her alma mater.

Cox said she thought the win gave her team confidence entering conference play. But she felt confident coming into this season with all five of last year's starters returning and having seven seniors on the squad. And it's that experience that has the Lady Eagles playing well, she said.

"I've watched them grow and they are playing real solid as a team," said Cox. "I just don't want the girls to get overconfident." Last year the Lady Eagles were 8-0 before Christmas, "then they got the

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