

ON THE HARDWOOD

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LIGHTS! ACTION! CAMERA!



The camera catches Stuart Brown as he shoots toward the Lexington goal in the High School gym. Also seen are Carter and Johnson, who are neck and neck in the race for high scoring honors.



The ball is seen in midair after being shot by Ruth Jones. The other outstanding forwards seen in the picture are Peggy Simerson and Gene Gregg.

Jackets Split Games With Concord

Two Extra Periods Thrill Spectators

After adding two extra periods in the boys' tilt, the Yellow Jackets edged the Concord Spiders by a close margin of 42-41 on Friday night, January 17. The female Spiders outscored the local girls by a lead of 27-20 in the local gym.

The girls game was in Concord's favor with Smith being high scorer with 23 points. Peggy Simmerson led the Jackets with 6 points, while Jones and Gregg tied for second with 6 points each.

The boys game created much enthusiasm by adding a 5 minute period and then a 3 minute quarter with Carter making a push-up shot from the circle winning the game by a score of 42-41. Johnson, Carter, and Clark led the Jackets by racking up 10 points each. Alex Mills was high scorer for the visitors with 12 points. The gym was packed with eager spectators boosting and supporting both teams. Much booing was done by a few fans who do not realize what true sportsmanship is.

Lexington Captures Two From Ashmore

In the local gym on Friday night, January 10, 1947, the Lexington basketekers upset both Ashmore teams for their second win of the year. The local boys kept the lead and won by a large margin of 47 to 24 while the girls' game was closer with the score ending 32 to 23.

Bill Johnson led the local boys by racking up 14 points, making 30 to his credit for the first two games, while Harold Carter's score of 8 makes his total also 30 points. Shoe led the Ashmorians with 8 points. Estep, Conrad and Carter are all alumni of L. H. S.

Peggy Simmerson took scoring honors for the local girls with 18 points, while Berrier's 13 for the losers made one-half of their total points. A large crowd attended the game.

Former Lexington High Ball Players In Bowl Games

Many former Lexington High School football players were busy over the Christmas holidays getting ready for the bowl games which were played on January 1. Some 35 former Yellow Jackets went to the Sugar Bowl, Tangerine Bowl, Gator Bowl, and Lexington's own Dairy Bowl.

Billy Myers journeyed with the Tar Heel squad to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl. He has seen a lot of action this season but failed to get into the Sugar Bowl game between Georgia and Carolina.

The largest number of Lexington alumni to play in any nationally known bowl game journeyed to Orlando, Florida, to play in the Tangerine Bowl. Fat Price, Melvin Everhart, Nig Lambeth, Rusty Craver, Lee Spears, Frank King and Bill Green greatly helped Catawba in winning its victory over Maryville.

Dick Peacock was the only Lexington member of the State team which traveled to Jacksonville, Florida, to play in the Gator Bowl.

Lexington for the first time in its history had its own bowl game. The Dairy Bowl made its first appearance on December 26, 1946, when Lexington alumni played the Salisbury alumni. Many outstanding football players home from colleges and others who had not played any ball for several years made up the team. Some of the outstanding players were: Chip Clark and Gappy Curtis of Clemson, John Kirk and Shu Carlton of Lenor-Rhyne, Jimmy Eanes of Catawba, Bobby Bowers and Howard Brown of Western Carolina Teachers College, Lewis Hartzog, Lawrence Owens, Ray Davis, Charles Britt, and Washie Williams of Lexington High.

Coach Tom Young, now at Western Carolina Teachers College, coached the boys for several days before the game. Coach Young has coached all these boys in his ten years of coaching at Lexington High. He produced some of the finest high school teams in the South while at Lexington and then moved on to Carolina and then to his present coaching job. Even though Salisbury won 14-7, Lexington showed a lot of spirit and the effects of being well coached.

Jackets Suffer First Defeat

The Lexington Yellow Jackets journeyed to Mooresville on January 14, for both a girls' and boys' basketball game.

Mooresville girls had a very good team and succeeded in defeating the Lexington team 35-17. The lady Jackets came into their own in the third quarter and refused to be scored on

in this period.

The boys' game was close all the way with Mooresville topping the Jackets by a score of 37-27. Lexington took the lead early in the game by 9-3 but were unable to keep this for long. Mooresville got back in the game and the lead changed hands several times. Lexington's defense broke down in the final minutes of the game and several quick shots brought the score up to 37-27 and the end of the ball game.

Lexington Takes Victory In Opening Tilt Over Mills Home

The Lexington basketekers got off to a good start in the '47 season by taking two wins over both the Mills Home sextet and quintet in the local gym on Tuesday, January 7. The girls took a 23 to 16 victory from the visitors, while the male Jackets racked up 58 points to the opponents' 28.

The Lexington girls, coached by Miss Ellen Philbeck played the first game of the season in the local gym. Jean Gregg, veteran center for the female Jackets, led the Jackets in scoring 10 points. Woodall was high scorer for the visitors with 9 points.

Harold Carter, varsity player of the '46 season, took scoring honors for the Jackets by racking up 22 points, while Bill Johnson came in second with 16. Beach led the visitors with 10 points to his credit.

Girls

Lexington 23	Mills Home 16
F—Simmerson 5	Walsh 7
F—Jones 6	Woodall 9
C—Gregg 10	Little
C—Everhart	Gregory
G—Meachum	Ball
G—Stiers	Sneed

Subs: Lexington, Ritchie 1, Carpenter 1, Beck. Mills Home: Watts, Fulbright, Smith.

Boys

Lexington 58	Mills Home 28
B. Johnson 16	Beach 10
Carter 22	Whittington 4
Brown 3	Benfield 3
Clark 6	Isenhour 4
Price 1	Bradshaw 7

Subs: Lexington: Walser, Burkhart 5, Peeler 4, Olive, Wilson 1, J. Johnson, J. L. Peeler. Mills Home: McCulloch, Smith.