



GRIER SLASHED BY SHELBY

Our Grier Varsity lost to Shelby, in a game played at Shelby, by a score of thirty-seven to twenty-eight. Shelby had an edge at the end of the first half of seventeen to fourteen. The Grier attack was based mainly on foul shots. They hit forty-three percent of their foul shots, which totaled sixteen of their total points. They shot twenty-eight percent from the floor which tallied the rest of their points. The leading scorer was Rice with twelve, followed by Giles with eight, Henderson with three, Page and Watson with two, and Harris with one. Grier played a good game, but as they say, "there is always room for improvement."

JUNIOR VARSITY DUNKED BY SHELBY

The junior Varsity was out-shot and out-rebounded by Shelby's Junior Varsity, in a game played at Shelby on Monday, January 6th. It seems they couldn't get the New Year started off right. They lost by a ripping score of forty-two to thirty-one. The game was fast and loose, but lost to rebounding. The Junior Varsity never led in the game and were down in the first half twenty-three to eighteen. The game showed Grier's Junior Varsity hitting 39% of their field goals while their opponents hit 58%. They were 36% from the foul line, while their opponents hit a high of 54%. The high scorer was Randy Queen with twelve, followed by Berryman with nine, Mark Queen and Mike Tate both with four, and Donald Howard with two.

ARLINGTON SLIDES PAST GRIER

Grier fought long and hard, but lost by one point to the Arlington Bulldogs. Marvin Glenn (Hawkeye) scored the winning shot for the Bulldogs by a shot from the corner.

At the end of a fast and furious first half, the score was

tied up twenty to twenty.

The last fifteen seconds were crucial as it was Arlington's ball and a lead of thirty-eight to thirty-seven. Bringing the ball down court while trying to stall on Arlington, a player was tied up with the ball. The jump was tapped to Grier, but the shot failed, and left Arlington victorious. Grier's points were tallied up by Giles-thirteen, Rice-seven, Queen and Owens-six, Henderson-three, and Watson-two.

It is felt that this game was lost to fouls. Grier out-scored Arlington from the floor in the second half, hitting fourteen, and Arlington hitting twelve. Grier gave Arlington the win by Arlington hitting six foul shots and Grier hitting only three. Maybe this close call will provide the right spirit with which to win.

GRIER'S JUNIOR VARSITY RIPS ARLINGTON

The Grier Junior Varsity answered our call by beating Arlington thirty-six to twenty-six. The little Knights jumped ahead early in the first quarter and held it all the way through.

The Junior Varsity played both halves of the game with every effort. They ended the game with thirty from the floor, while Arlington had only sixteen.

The high scorer for Grier was Queen with eleven. He was followed by Howard-nine, Berryman-eight, Tate-five, McSpadden-two, and Gibbs-one. We are all hoping they will go through the rest of the season undefeated.

HUSS DEFEATS GRIER

Hunter Huss kept their undefeated record as they slid by the Grier Knights. Grier's record slumped to zero and five putting them in last place.

The game started out bad for the Knights. At half-time, the score was twenty-one to sixteen, in favor of Huss. The rest of the game was played poorly by Grier and the game ended fifty-one to thirty in favor of the Huskies.

Grier turned the ball over nineteen times while Huss's amounted to a low eight. The Knights were very cold from the foul-line, hitting only four of fifteen tries. The Huskies hit eleven of their sixteen free throws. Huss out-rebounded Grier by one (thirty-six to thirty-five). Grier hit thirteen of their fifty-one shots from the floor, while Huss got twenty out of sixty-four. The scorers for Grier were Randy Queen and Hugh Giles with seven each, Rice with six, Owens with four, Watson with three, Henderson with two, and Stebbins with one. The leading scorer for Huss was Hopper with sixteen points.

JUNIOR VARSITY CAPTURES VICTORY OVER GASTON DAY

Grier's Junior Varsity fought hard and overcame Gaston Day by a score of forty-nine to thirty. Even our rebounding was good, as were the plays they used, which baffled Gaston Day's zone defense. They also did a fine job holding Gaston Day's high scorer to low points. Our team held an edge at half time of twenty-seven to twenty-one. The Junior Varsity did even a better job in the second half as they went on to score Gaston Day twenty-one to nine.

High scorers were Queen and Howard, both with eleven, Berryman with ten, Tate with six, Gibbs with five, and Morris and Davis, each with three.

BASKETBALL WRAP-UP

Grier's Varsity started off wrong as they lost the first five games of the season. Suddenly, out of the blue, Grier beat Belmont. This sprouted a whole new season. Even though they lost their next game to Highland, Grier then pulled victories over Wray, Cherryville, and Shelby.

After Grier's victory over

Belmont, Grier's record improved greatly. Before the Belmont game, Grier averaged only 30.8 points per game, 28% on field goals, and 36% on free throws. After the Belmont game, the Varsity averaged 35 points, and 34% on field goals, and 58% on free throws. Giles took top honors in scoring, as he totalled up a hundred and eighty-nine points. Giles was followed by Randy Queen, who scored thirty-seven for the Junior Varsity in three games, and eighty-five for the Varsity in eleven games. Rice, third with seventy-four, Owens fifty-four, Watson twenty-six, Farish twenty-three, Henderson seventeen, Page eleven, Ledford four, Harris three, Todd Stebbins one. All and all, Grier had a fine season with their great comeback.

For the Junior Varsity, Berryman was high, scoring ninety-eight, followed by Howard with eighty-three, Tate forty-seven, Davis forty-six, Mark Queen fifty-two, Gibbs twenty-three, Tolbert and Morris with ten, Harris nine, Barber six, McSpadden five, and Cooke four.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Grier's recently organized Basketball team, consisting of ninth grade girls has become quite successful in their efforts to increase student involvement. With the help and counseling of Mr. Rigdon and Mrs. Jenkins, these girls have strived to improve their athletic ability and have had very pleasing results. Thus far, the girls have traveled to different schools and played games very well which have proved their interest in the athletic world. Not only have they practiced and become more familiar with the fundamentals of basketball, but they have also learned the true value of sportsmanship and how to put it to good use before, during, and after the games.

