

[SPORTS] In Our Opinion

By CLINT FULLER

The Wakelon upset of Franklinton was a shocker. It just goes to show that there is a great deal of balance in the League this year. Youngsville, Bunn, Franklinton and now Wakelon have shown strength enough to take the upcoming tournament. Gold Sand could too. Only Louisburg seems to have little chance, but one has only to look back a few years to remember that it was Louisburg that upset Youngsville for the title. It was a year kind of like this one.

Almost every season—regardless of the sport—the question of running up large, unnecessary scores arises. This basketball year is no different. One reader called to ask: "Why would a coach wait until only 19 seconds was left in a game to substitute when the team had a fifty point edge?" Good question and one only that coach can answer.

A coach of one of the teams—not having its best year—asked a similar question last week. The opposition held a forty point edge without substituting.

Some coaches, after suffering a lean year, are inclined to make hay while the sun shines. When they have the horses, they let them run, forgetting that always the tide turns and someday they will be on the short end.

Running up the score shows little sportsmanship in our view but even forgiving this, one can hardly defend any coach who has already won—or lost—the game who does not think of those youngsters who sit on the bench and hardly ever get to play. Once the game is decided, there is little excuse for not allowing the subs to gain the experience they're going to need in the years ahead.

Sanderson Clobbers Louisburg

The Spartans of Sanderson High School, Raleigh, took full control of the game here Friday night and downed the Louisburg Bulldogs, 78-44. Benny Edgerton led the Bulldog scoring with 23 points while Sanderson had five players hitting in double figures.

Score by quarters:
Louisburg 6 12 8 18 44
Sanderson 17 14 26 21 78
Louisburg - Edgerton 23,
Finch 2, J. Wrenn 7, Perry,
McDonald, Hobgood, Person,
Pernell 1, Romero, Dement 2,
May, C. Wrenn 2, Nicholson 7.

Sanderson - Jones 8, Burns 5, Vick 3, Pocock 6, Sims 14, Uzzell 14, Kelley 2, Southern 11, Wilkinson 11, Pendergrass 14, Aldridge 4.

Junior varsity game - Sanderson 46, Louisburg 40.

Son: "Pa, what is the difference between a cat and a comma?"

Pa: "I don't know. What is it?"

Son: "A cat has claws at the end of its paws, and a comma is a pause at the end of a clause."

Oh Joy, 'Canes Drop Ferrum, Gain First Place

The Louisburg College Hurricanes had to come from behind in the second half to take a hard earned 68-56 victory over Ferrum's Panthers last night in Holton Gymnasium.

Riding on the tremendous board play of Terry Davis and Dick Driver, Ferrum's floor play by Larry Paschall:

and five team shooting the Canes came from a 25-30 deficit at halftime to beat the tough Panthers and take over the lead in the Cavalier-Tarheel Conference. Driver gave the 'Canes their first lead of the second half with a field goal with 13:52 left in the game. The score at that time

was 39-38.

Ferrum regained the lead at 41-39 with 12:38 to play but a field goal by Davis and another by Sandy Frazier put the 'Canes on top 43-41. A field goal by Brad Obermiller tied it at 43-43 and George Bowden sent the 'Canes in front 45-43 at the 10:14 mark. Jack Puckett tied it at 45 all and then Davis had a follow shot to send the 'Canes on their way to a well deserved victory over the high flying Panthers.

Ferrum had beaten Louisburg by 72-71 at Ferrum but the 'Canes were not to be denied this time. The Louisburg defense was superb throughout with the speedy Paschall, Bowden, Bob Walker and John Lewis repeatedly stealing the ball from the Panthers. Davis had another tremendous game rebounding with 20 and Driver had by far his best rebounding night of the year, pulling down 10 big rebounds as he helped Davis dominate the boards. Driver had six rebounds in the second half and when he committed his fourth foul Sandy Frazier helped to add to Ferrum's problems with his aggressive defensive play.

Davis, Driver, Lewis, and Bowden all had four field goals in the second half as the 'Canes displayed fine balance in hitting 20 of 40 second half field goal attempts. Paschall added three field goals to the second half display as he capped off what had to be one of his best performances of the year.

Paschall was a demon on defense as he jammed up the middle and repeated double teamed the Panther players to literally take the ball away from them. It was a hustling

bunch of Hurricanes that were ignited by the play of the little man.

During the second half Davis blocked several Ferrum shot attempts and pulled down 13 of his 20 rebounds. His play around the defensive board caused the Panthers to hurry many shots in the second half and they hit on only 10 of 33 attempts for the second half.

The win was the first one for the Hurricanes over the Panthers in five years and the victory was enjoyed by some 1500 fans who packed into Holton Gym for the last home game of the season for

the 'Canes. They have 3 road games left, two of them conference contests at Albemarle on February 15 and at Mount Olive on February 20. The 'Canes next game is Friday night against the Newport News Apprentice in Newport News.

Davis led the 'Canes scoring with 15 points and Driver and Paschall had twelve each. Sam Oglesby led the scoring for the night for both teams getting 18 of Ferrum's total. Brad Obermiller added 14 but generally the 'Canes defense bottled up the high scoring Panthers who had been averaging 88.8 points per game.

Defeat Gold Sand

The Youngsville Phantoms, now 8-2 in conference play, won their last conference game of the season. They defeated Gold Sand 46-37 Friday night. Leading the Phantoms in scoring were Rodney Roberts with 20 points and Morris Catlett with 18. Gold Sand was led by Albert Alston with 14 points and Dewey Perry with 13.

The Youngsville girls finished their conference play with a clean slate as they defeated Gold Sand 66-10. Vickie Rogers led the Phantomettes to victory as she put in 25 points. Harriett Pearce added 21 points. Gold Sand was led by Wanda Collins with 4 points.

Friday night the Youngsville teams will travel to Me-

dow.

Girls: Score by quarters:
Gold Sand 4 14 1 10
Youngsville 16 11 16 23 66
Gold Sand - Lovin 2, Collins 4, Sharon, Ragland 1, Stallings, Boone 2, Pleasants 1, Alston, Smith.

Youngsville - V. Rogers 25, H. Pearce 21, Paschall 11, D. Rogers, Catlett 4, Brown, J. Pearce 1, Lindsey 4, Woodlief, Strickland, Finch, Holmes, Hackney, Richardson, Jeffries.

Boys: Score by quarters:
Gold Sand 7 10 12 8 37
Youngsville 6 17 12 11 46
Gold Sand - S. Wright 5, Perry 13, Edwards 3, M. Wright 2, Alston 14, Bowers.
Youngsville - R. Catlett 1, Roberts 20, M. Catlett 18, Bailey 3, Mitchell, Wiggins 4.

Wakelon Brings Halt To Franklinton Crown Dream

If the Franklin County Basketball Tourney needed a shot in the arm as tickets go on sale across the county, the Wakelon Bulldogs supplied the needle Friday night. Invading the camp of the Franklinton red hot Rams, Wakelon played possession and control ball to set up a movie-thriller finish that halted Franklinton's dream of a conference title.

The 41-39 defeat by Wake-

lon does not eliminate the Rams from sharing the title with the Youngsville Phantoms, but it does make impossible any chance for the Rams to own it all alone. There is a possibility that the Rams might get hit by Gold Sand or Louisburg and drop to second place this week. The possibility, however, is hardly worthy of note.

The Rams led 19-13 at the

half and moved ahead to hold a 32-23 margin at the end of the third frame. At the time, this seemed enough to carry Franklinton through the game and well on its way to the first championship in several years.

However, the Rams—undoubtedly aided by the Wakelon defense—lost their poise, as Coach Jimmy O'Neal demised, and were outscored 18-7 in the final period. The clincher came on a shot by Jamie Pearce with two seconds left. The Bulldogs had managed to control the ball most of the third period and to run out the clock.

Score by Quarters:
Wakelon 6 7 10 18 41
Franklinton 8 11 13 7 39
Wakelon - Massey 8, Bunn 12, Pearce 8, Price 2, Gillispie 11.

Franklinton - Brodie 20, M. Collins, Eakes 1, Fogg 8, Lawrence 4, Manson 2, Sneed 2, W. Collins 2.

'Canes Win One, Lose One In Overtime

Friday night Louisburg's Hurricanes played host to the Shipbuilders from Newport News Apprentice and had to struggle through two overtimes before subliming their foe 80-77. At the end of the regulation game the score was knotted at 67 all. After the first overtime the score was 72 all.

Louisburg was cold from the field while the visitors were red hot. The Bulldogs hit 14 of 23 attempts in the first half and 18 of 34 in the second half. The 'Canes led 37-34 at halftime though they hit on only 13 of 33 from the floor and in the second half they had more trouble as they hit on 12 of 37 shots.

Paschall, the hustlingest Hurricane of the night, scored 23 points. Driver had 13, Davis 12, Lewis 11 and George Bowden 10. Wayne Vick led Newport News with

23 while Russell had 15 and Otis Henderson 13.

Saturday night at Duke's Indoor Stadium the 'Canes fought their way through an overtime before bowing to the Baby Blue Devils 80-82. The regulation game ended 74-74 and the 'Canes held the upper hand in the extra stanza before a field goal by Stuart Yarborough tied the score at 78 all with 2:53 remaining and Pat Daughy was true on a short jumper with 2:15 to go to give the freshmen the lead at 80-78.

Davis led the 'Canes scoring with 22 points and the 6'4" forward grabbed 15 rebounds to cap a sparkling performance. Paschall scored 21 points, hitting on 8 of 11 from the floor and 5 of 5 from the line. The stellar backcourt star also had a good floor game as he directed the 'Canes attack. He hit on 5 of 6 attempts from the floor in the second half.

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