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Prep Chatter



"We Can't All Stay on the Bench"

Word has it out that Robert Leak of North Mecklenburg is at this stage the most improved player in the Southwestern 4A Conference.

Leak was a benchman last year for the Vikings. However, over the summer the 6-5 jumping jack could be seen perfecting his game at the basketball goals at Hornet's Nest Park.

Seems all the hard work paid off for Robert Leak for at the moment he is the leading scorer in the Southwestern 4A Conference.

His ability to follow his shots to the basket doesn't look like a "benchboy" to me; and any team that beats the Vikings will have surely denied Leak the ball.

Chris Brown trails Leak with 24.0 points per game and an Olympic sophomore, Garinger forward, Frank Johnson with 20.7 points per game, West Charlotte's forward, Frank Henderson with 20.3 points, East Meck's guard Warren Wallace, is neck and neck with Henderson also 20.3 points per game. Close behind is West Charlotte's forward, Sampson McCorkle, with 19.3 per game, Independence Patriots guard, Jeff Means, with 19.3 per game, South's center, Johnny Edwards, with 18 per game and Harding's forward, James Reid, with 16.75 per game.

The Conference's highest scorer in a game title belongs to Leak and Henderson. Both have hit for 28 points.

Another man to catch is West Charlotte's Scott Little. Before the season is over this big man will have earned the title of the intimidator. He is such a force under the basket with his 6-6 frame.

Looks like Charlotte is going to be crowded with recruiters.

49ers Face Formidable Foe

The UNCC basketball team gets its third chance of the season to knock off a team in last year's NCAA playoffs as the 49ers take on Louisville Thursday (9 p.m. EST) in opening round action of the Louisville Holiday Classic. And the first ever meeting between the two basketball minded schools, set for Louisville's 16,631-seat Freedom Hall, will give UNCC its first opportunity to upset a team ranked in the top 20 of both major wire service polls this season.

UNCC has split its previous two shots at '79 NCAA

playoff opponents by upsetting Toledo (64-60) in the season opener at home and then falling victim on the road to an Eastern Kentucky team that trailed by 16 in the second half before rallying to win, 84-79.

The undefeated Cardinals (3-0) of head coach Denny Crum were ranked 10th in last week's Associated Press poll and 15th in the UPI poll. Louisville has recorded home court victories over Sun Belt Conference favorite South Alabama (75-73) and Tennessee-Chattanooga (87-63) and defeated Tennessee (77-75)

Full Slate Of Contests

Face Local Prep Cagers

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Friday is a big night for the Southwestern 4A Conference. Headlining the schedule are games netting East at Independence, Garinger at North Mecklenburg, West Charlotte at Olympic, and West Charlotte at South Mecklenburg.

Today's game pits Harding at Myers Park. The Rams need a win to keep their momentum going. The two schools are bitter rivals. The Mustang offense is built around center, Darryl White and guard, Sanford Tillman. The Rams are known for being a run-and-gun team. They are led by James Reid.

The East Eagles, led by hot-shooting Warren Wallace, will go into a Hornet's Nest when they tackle the Patriots at home. The Patriots have a war arsenal to shoot down the high flying Eagles in Eric Boyd, Andre Rucker, Baron Odom and Jeff Means. The Eagles

McCorkle Is

"Player Of

The Week"

Last year, Sampson McCorkle was safe in the confines of North Mecklenburg. He was an outstanding athlete and helped North's basketball program tremendously.

McCorkle's family moved, and suddenly he found himself at West Charlotte last Friday night. Sure he played in the Viking's gym but to the beat of a different drummer.

The new West Charlotte Lion netted 25 points. And McCorkle gave them the most on free throw, follow shots and short jumpers to put his team through its first road test.

The Lions face more challenges with games Friday at South Meck. and Tuesday at East Meck. They need to win both of these if they are to return to "number one" making a dream a reality.

At 6'3" and 190 pounds, McCorkle is the player of the week. He is being recruited for his basketball and football playing abilities.

will counter with Warren Wallace and Jeff Means.

The Garinger Wildcats will invade a tough place when they go to North to play the hot Vikings, Odel Walker, Derrick Knox and Frank Johnson lead the Wildcat contingent. The Vike's are led by Robert Leak, B. J. Clark, Randy Kendrick, and Scotty Williams.

West Meck will travel to the Trojan's lair to battle. The Indians will need a sneak attack to play against Chris Brown, Derek Martin, Carlos Conception, Derrick Floyd and Johnny Haeley and Dan Preston. The Indians are led by Jimmy Patterson.

The Lions don't usually reach victory when playing at South. Perhaps this custom will soon be broken by Sampson McCorkle, Frank Henderson, Scott Little, Billy Overcash and James Mitchell. Sabres consist of Johnny Edwards, Wayne Griffin and Bryant McKnight just to name a few.



ERIC BOYD
...East Eagles Ace

James Ratiff Is

MEAC Player

Of The Week

DURHAM—James Ratiff of Howard University has been named MEAC Player of the Week, and Morgan State's Steve Jenkins was chosen Rookie of the Week, it was announced by the office of the MEAC Commissioner.

Billy Holmgaard Chosen District

26 "Basketball Player Of Week"

SPECIAL TO THE POST PEMBROKE--Billy Holmgaard, Belmont Abbey's 6-foot-6 senior forward who last week led the undefeated Crusaders to a three-game sweep of the challenging WBTV Carolina Classic and into first place in NAA District 26, is District "Basketball Player of the Week."

In increasing its record to 6-0 to tower as the only unbeaten team in the district, Belmont Abbey was devastating in the Classic. Holmgaard scored 27

points and grabbed 10 rebounds as the Crusaders whipped Catawba 96-85 in the quarterfinal round, he collected 16 points and had

16 rebounds in his team's 84-73 triumph over Pfeiffer in the semifinals, and tossed in 20 points and hauled down 15 rebounds as Belmont Abbey stunned Gardner-Webb 70-52 in the championship finals.

For the week the Phoenix, Ariz. native hit on 22 of 50 shots from the field, 19 of 23 free throws, had 41 rebounds and scored 63 points. In his 27-point performance against Catawba, he didn't enter the game until mid-point of the first half. He was recovering from a case of pneumonia, but Catawba couldnt tell the difference.

It was a week of outstanding performances. Winston-Salem State

played only one game, crushing Barber-Scotia 91-49, and Reggie Gaines amassed 39 points. Mars Hill won two with John Patterson accounting for 23 and 22 points plus 11 and 10 rebounds. Lenoir-Rhyne split a pair of games as Gary Nobles connected for 28 points in one and 21 in the other. Pfeiffer captured two of three contests with Rodney Webb having a total of 58 points and 33 rebounds for all of the games. High Point captured two straight with sub guard Junion Brown starring in two relief roles. He scored only 9 points against Atlantic Christian, but three were crucial free throws in the final seconds.

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