

Tournament Provides Many Upsets, Close Games

The 1967 Roanoke Conference Basketball Tournament ended on Saturday night with the Norlina Boys and the Aurelian Springs girls the conference champions.

The tournament has been described as one of the most successful tournaments ever held in the conference with a gate of \$2900 for the six nights of play with hundreds of spectators, unable to find seats, lining the walls.

The behavior of the crowd was so noteworthy that the referees remarked that they were the best behaved basketball crowds they had ever witnessed, and all games were marked with the finest kind of sportsmanship.

The tourney provided probably more upsets, more close games, more last second wins than any in history, Rex Gordon, principal of the Norlina High School, said yesterday. There were at least nine upsets, with only one conference top-ranked team reaching the finals. Fans will be talking about this tournament for a long time.

Here is how the form sheet was ripped to shreds:

Girls Team

Murfreesboro, No. 1, over Gaston, No. 8, 29-21.
Norlina, No. 6, over Weldon, No. 3, 36-35.

Warrenton, No. 7, over Enfield, No. 2, 29-25.
Aurelian Springs, No. 5, over Littleton, No. 4, 32-31.
Aurelian Springs, No. 5, over Murfreesboro, No. 1, 34-32.

Warrenton, No. 7, over Norlina, No. 6, 39-34.
Aurelian Springs, No. 5, over Warrenton, No. 7, 30-28.

Boys Team

Murfreesboro, No. 2, over Gaston, No. 7, 65-50.
Weldon, No. 1, over Aurelian Springs, No. 8, 70-56.

Littleton, No. 6, over Warrenton, No. 3, 43-42.
Norlina, No. 5, over Enfield, No. 4, 80-55.
Norlina, No. 5, over Weldon, No. 1, 63-48.

Murfreesboro, No. 2, over Littleton, No. 6, 54-46.
Norlina, No. 5, over Murfreesboro, 65-54.

Following the presentation of the championship and runner-up trophies, Supt. of Schools J. Roger Peeler presented miniature basketballs to players chosen for the all-conference teams based on regular season play. The selections were as follows:

Girls All-Conference—Brenda Allen, W. R. Davie; Catherine Clark, Littleton; Brenda Gibson, Aurelian Springs; Elaine Johnston, Littleton; Peggy Lynch, Norlina;

Patty McLean, Murfreesboro; Diane Parker, Murfreesboro; Mary Pope, Weldon; Donna Rauhe, Weldon; Gayle Seris, Warrenton; Penny Slade, Enfield; Byrd Viverette, Enfield.

Boys All-Conference—Ronnie Crawley, Aurelian Springs; Randy Guthrie, Gaston; Lew Hege, Norlina; James Hicks, Norlina; Tommy Johnson, Murfreesboro; Dale Morris, Weldon; James Pope, Weldon; Robert Shearin, Warrenton; Kenneth Sykes, Enfield; Buddy Wise, Murfreesboro.

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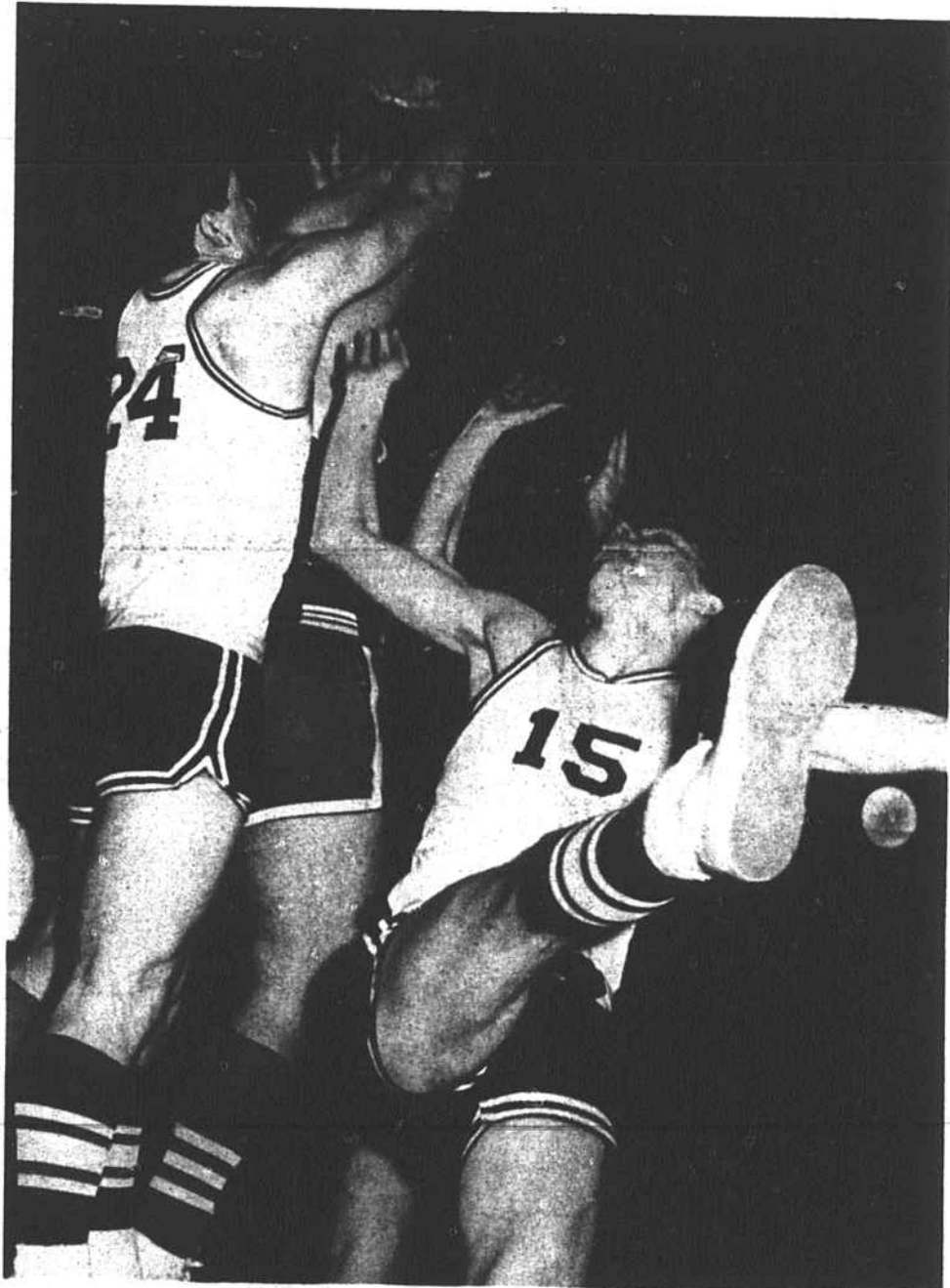
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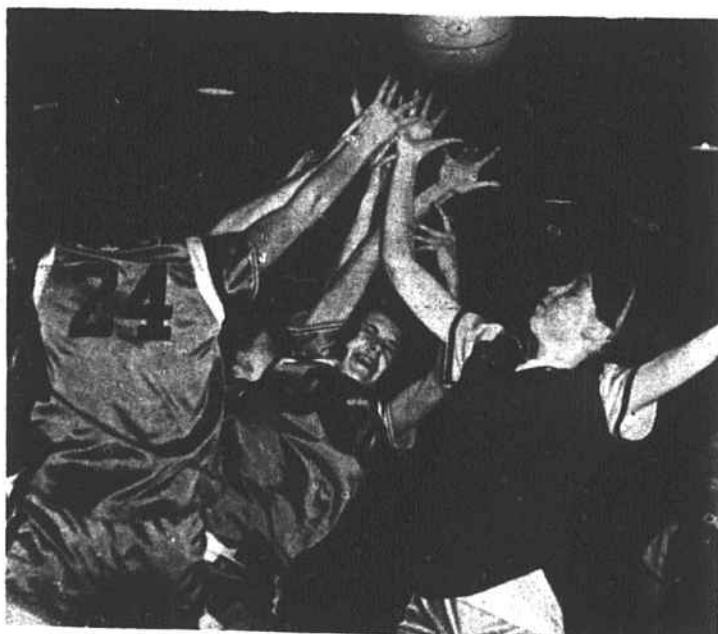
Crowds



Kathryn Perkinson, left, and Peggy Lynch, right of Norlina battle for ball with Helen Holt of John Graham in semi-finals game.



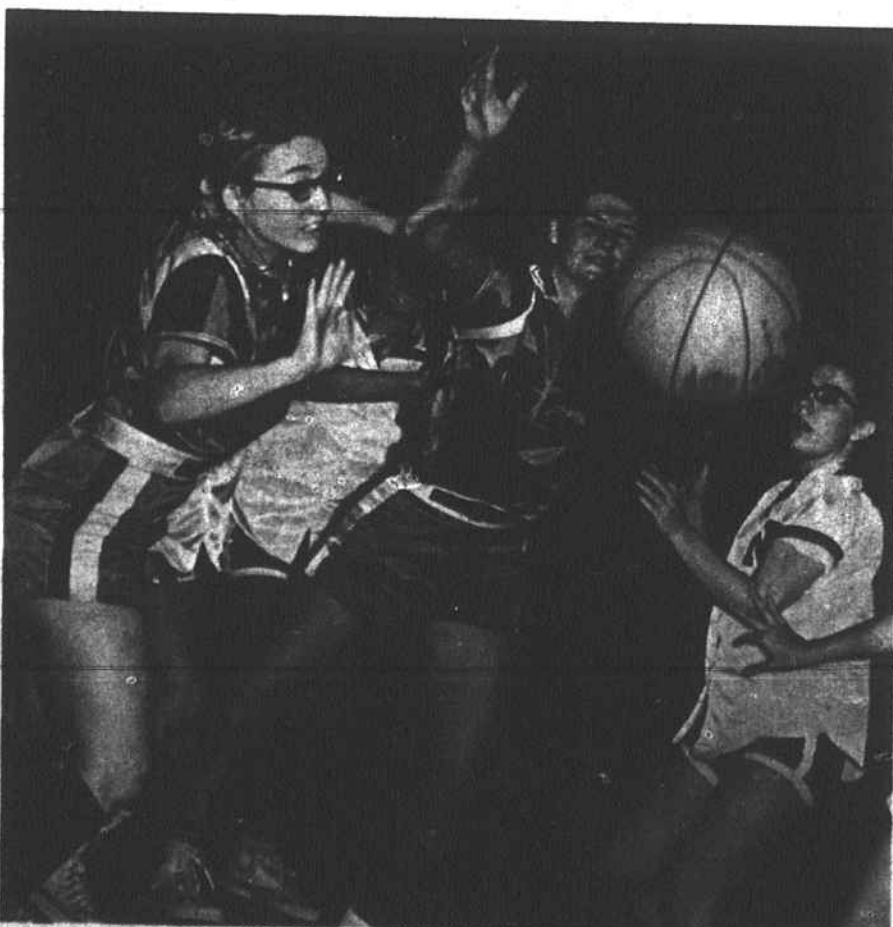
Lee Hawks (24) battles unidentified game as Michael Macon (15) does a bit of Murfreesboro player for ball in championship gymnastics.



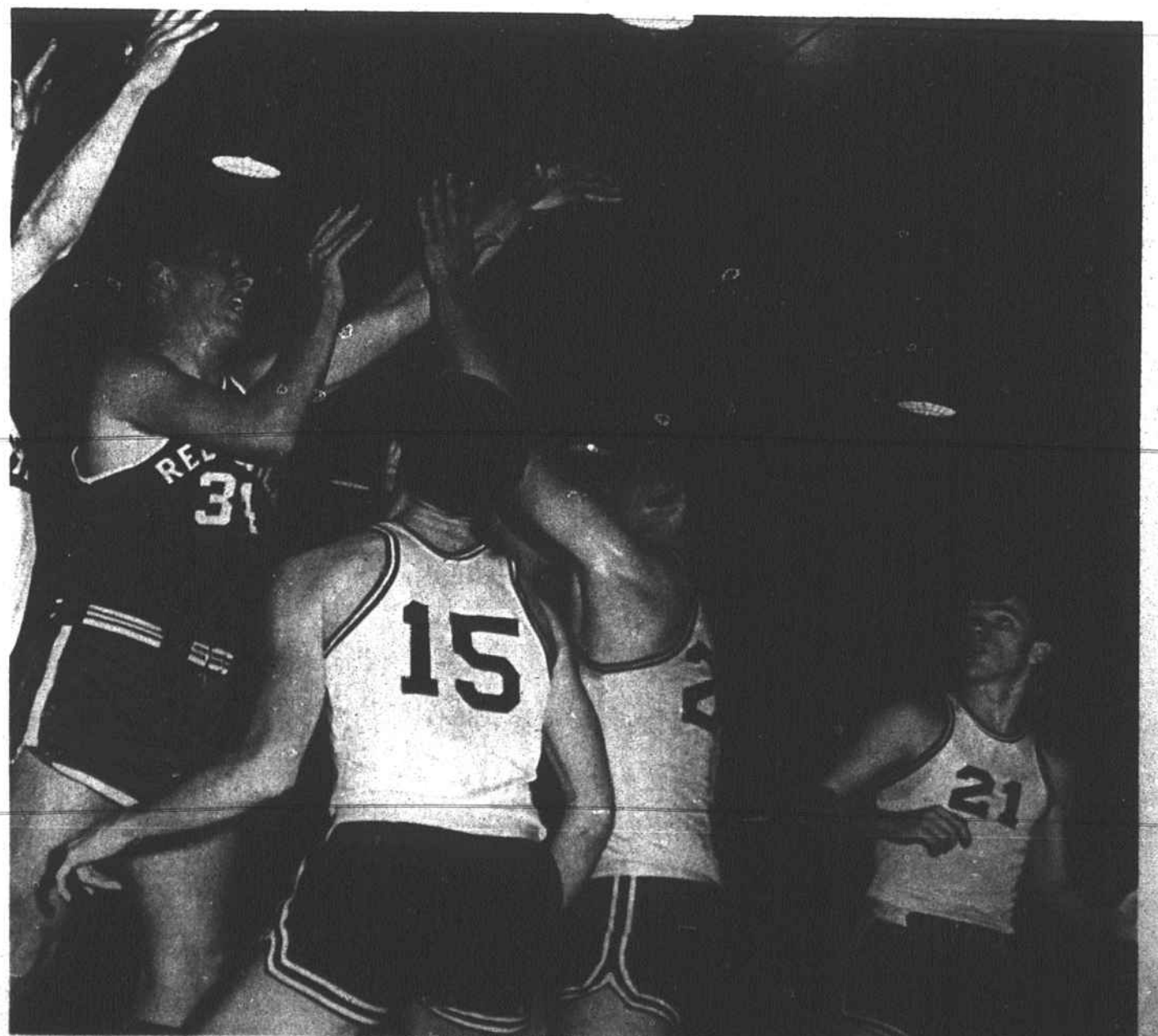
Helen Holt (24) and Jane Connell (10) battle with unidentified Aurelian Springs girls in championship game Saturday night.



Coach Wayne Plaster talks strategy with John Graham girls during timeout at Norlina in Warrenton-Aurelian Springs game.



Gayle Seris (25) of John Graham brings out ball. At left is Sandra Wood of John Graham and at right is Jane Knight of Norlina.



James Hicks (22) of Norlina shoots ball over head of (15) and Lee Hawks of Norlina. At right is Charles Draffin (21) of Norlina, guarded by Michael Macon of Murfreesboro.