

John Graham High Eliminated In District 3 Basketball Playoffs

By DON STITH
District Three (2-A) basketball playoffs were held last week at Louisburg and Four Oaks with John Graham and Norlina participating in the boys play and the girls team from John Graham taking part. In games played at Louisburg, Norlina advanced to a semi-final round against Louisburg after defeating Apex on Tuesday night and John Graham was downed by Clayton (eventual District Three champs) in a quarter final round on Wednesday night. Warrenton lost to Clayton, 53-48, and Norlina lost to Louisburg, 54-53.

Norlina Game
Louisburg gained control of the ballgame in the opening minutes, leading the Blue Waves, 19-9, as the quarter buzzer sounded.

Second quarter play didn't see much change in the Blue Waves' play but the Bulldogs had slowed down the pace of the ballgame, scoring only six points to Norlina's ten.

As second half action started the Waves were playing catch up basketball that resulted in 20 third quarter points. This gave them a six-point

margin over Louisburg, but it proved not enough. The Tar River Bulldogs, who finished second in their league, put together a scoring drive that ended with a 54-53 victory and a shot at the district title.

Scoring leaders for the Waves were James Greene (25) and David Yancey (10). Anthony McKnight and Druber Morton netted 21 and 12 points each to lead the Bulldogs.

Girls Game Warrenton

The tournament championship won by John Graham gave them a chance at winning the girls' district crown. Their opponent was Elm City, the fastest and quickest girls team that Coach Ben Howard had ever played.

The Elm City sextet jumped to a commanding 43-24 halftime lead, an almost hopeless obstacle for the Warrenton girls to overcome.

Second half action saw the Lady Jackets fight back from both ends of the court. Starter Edith Rodwell fouled out late in the third frame but not before she helped her team outscore the Vikings, 15-14.

Going into the final quarter of play, at the start was a continuation of the third quarter. Warrenton was gaining on the Elm City squad and came within six points of

knocking the score. This later turned out to be the biggest threat that Elm City would have in their journey to the championship. (Elm City won the crown on Friday.)

The experienced Elm City sextet, accustomed to a fast paced game, once again took control of the game in the closing minutes of the contest. John Graham ran out of energy and Elm City cruised to a 66-53 victory.

Leading the Jackets were Lorraine Williams and Connie Ross who netted 28 and 15 points each. The towering Williams kept the Warrenton club in the game with her rebounding and scoring.

Rountree was the Viking sensation, scoring 19 points and keying the Elm City win.

Although the Lady Jackets closed their 1975-76 cage season with a loss, Coach Ben Howard said that despite the loss, his team proved "that we are winners."

Howard's entire squad is expected to return for action next year with the exception of captain Connie Ross.

Boys Game

Warrenton and Clayton were matched for a quarter final round at Louisburg Wednesday night. The Warrenton squad played nip-and-tuck basketball for three quarters before Clayton broke the ice and turned a five-point deficit into a five-point win.

The Yellow Jackets ran up a five-point lead with the use of reserve squadsmen as the third quarter buzzer sounded. Reggie Green came into the ballgame and moved the ball around well until Thomas Taylor or Ben Williams shook loose for a lay-up.

Jimmy Shears and Dave Fuller of Clayton teamed for a two man show that resulted in 13 points for Shears and six for Fuller, all in the fourth quarter. Foul calls on Shears, against Warrenton resulted in three point plays that dented the motivated Jackets and sent them into a slump.

Warrenton Coach James Howell called time during the fourth to question the officials on calls inflicted on his team.

Clayton took the lead late in the fourth and went to a four corner offense that took a lot of time off the clock. Warrenton let a five point lead dwindle before losing 53-48.

Leading the Jackets in scoring was Douglass Stiff with 11 points. Jimmy Shears and Dave Fuller led the Clayton squad with 23 and 12 points.



North Warren closed its basketball season with an 8-2 record. Members of the Lady Aggies are left to right [kneeling] Jackie Jones, Conchetta Mayfield, Carmon Burnett, Perceda Green, co-captain, Vilma Falcon, co-captain, Anna Howard and Helen Gilchrist. Standing are Coach William Shulenburger, Carolina Bullock, Judy Bullock, Shari Hendrick, Gloria Bryant, Janette King, Joanna Harrison and Vicky Holtzman.

Green Slams Homerun Hits For John Graham

Warrenton pitching ace Ronald Green slammed a two-run homer to give the Yellow Jackets a 2-1 victory over Vance High Friday evening. This was the season opener for both teams.

Vance took the lead when Green walked the batter with the bases full, but Green fanned the rest of the order to hold Henderson to a 1-0 lead.

Jeff Perkinson took the mound for Vance in the seventh and Milo Alston, who was on base, came in with Green's drill to the left field fence.

Wednesday the Jackets were to travel to Enfield and then on Friday will journey to Weldon.

Jaycees To Sponsor Men's Hoop Contest

The Warren County Jaycees will sponsor a men's basketball game against the men's faculty at Hawkins Junior High on March 24 at 8 p. m. in the school gym.

Admission will be \$1, with all proceeds going to the school athletic program.

A bushel of barley weighs 48 pounds.

On Thursday afternoon John Graham will travel to Parkview for a track and field meet. Coach Bill Frazier said he has no comment on his sprinters and can't make any predictions, "because of the weather conditions that have hampered practice."

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