

# Warren County Teams To Play Basketball Season Openers

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Warren County basketball teams begin the season this week with all three schools having a home game.

Norlina and John Graham have back-to-back games Thursday and Friday nights while Warren Academy played Tuesday and hosts a game Friday night.

**John Graham**  
Lorraine Williams and Edith Rodwell will be veterans as the Lady Jackets begin the season Friday night against Scotland Neck.

Williams, 5-11 senior, was named All-East after the Lady Jackets finished in the top eight in the state 2-A

girls basketball last year. Rodwell, a 5-10 senior, was given an honorable mention on the East team.

Coach Ben Howard described Rodwell and Williams as "super" this year but he lost the remaining players and "needs something to go with them."

The success of his 1977-78 team will depend on the rookies, he noted.

The coach said he has a "good nucleus" built around Rodwell and Williams, "but I've got a lot of people who have never played before," he added.

In the scrimmage against Vance High last week, Howard believed "Tootsie" Green, a sophomore, looked good. The scrimmage show-

ed areas of weakness "and this week we have worked on these," Howard said.

"Depth was a weak point in last year's team, especially when we got to the state finals," Howard contended. He said he is trying to work on this.

Building the perimeter of the Williams-Rodwell nucleus will be Terry Thompson, a 6-1 senior; Beverly Williams (Lorraine's sister), 5-8 junior; and "Tootsie" Green, 5-6 sophomore.

Other players expected to see much of the action will be Pam Carroll, 5-6 junior guard; Tina Davis, 5-7 sophomore guard; and Sharon Dunston, 5-10 sophomore forward.

Other John Graham cag-

**Warren County Schedules**

**Thursday, December 1**  
JG vs. Bluestone (home) 6:30 p. m.  
Norlina vs. Northwest (home) 6:30 p. m.

**Friday, December 2**  
JG vs. Scotland Neck (home) 6:30 p. m.  
Norlina vs. Parkview (away) 6:30 p. m. (jv and boys varsity)

**Warren Academy vs. Wilson Christian (home) 7 p. m.**

**Tuesday, December 6**  
JG vs. Enfield (away) 7 p. m.  
Norlina vs. Bluestone (home) 6:30 p. m. (jv and boys varsity)

**Warren Academy (open date)**

ers include Shirley Alston, senior; Sylvia Dunston, Junior; Pam Boyd and Carolyn Turner, sophomores.

Howard, whose last year's team won the conference and lost the tournament to Bunn, feels Bunn will again be a menace this year.

"Bunn didn't lose any players from last year's team and Franklinton lost maybe one," he said.

In non-conference action, the coach noted Enfield will be strong.

**John Graham Boys**  
While Coach James Howell says the boys' team has five returning players, he is quick to note they have little experience.

"We have three or four good shooters," Howell said, "but no experience."

In the scrimmage against Vance last week, Howell said the team made the "rookie errors."

"We turned the ball over, were impatient on offense and had lapses in defense," Howell observed.

But the talent is there if it can be molded together, he added.

Returning men are Lawrence Boyd, 6-1 forward; Daryl Lyles, 6-0 guard; Stephen Foster, 5-8 guard; Gary Williams, 5-7 guard; and Greg Stiff, 5-10 guard.

Rounding out the team are Nathaniel Hawkins, 6-4 forward; Ernest Green, 6-3 forward; Victor Harrison,

5-9 guard and Donald Boyd, 5-9 guard, all moving up from junior varsity; along with newcomers, Quinton Richardson, Barrington Alston and Andrew Alston.

Howell, unknowingly, agreed with the other coaches that Bunn is a threat this year. "It will be a toss up after that," he commented. "Enfield is always tough" in non-conference play, he added.

The Jackets open the season against Bluestone at Warrenton tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p. m. with the junior varsity.

This year's junior varsity is coached by McCain Brown, a Warrenton native who is in first year coaching at his alma mater. Brown expects to have a "pretty good" season this year.

Friday night the varsity team will again play as hosts to Scotland Neck.

Next Wednesday, the John Graham junior varsity girls and boys will play Hawkins Junior High School at Hawkins at 4 p. m.

**Norlina Boys**  
The Blitzing Blue Waves of Norlina High School have three starters returning from last year's rebuilding team. While none of these boys made all-conference last season, Coach Tom Evans speculates they should all be viable candidates this year.

Returning are David Rowlette, Michael Yancey

and Shelton Hunter. Rowlette, a 5-11 post man, who was named All-Metro during football season, is an all-around athlete. Last season David hit 59 per cent from the floor with 80 per cent on free throws.

Yancey, a 6-3 wing man, could be a small college prospect, according to Evans. His records last year averaged around 50 per cent on shooting and free throws.

Hunter is the junior veteran. At 6-1 he plays a wing and is also an excellent all-around athlete.

Filling out the team will be Larry Vaughan, senior, a 5-11 point man, and Darnell Champ, a junior and 6-1 post man.

Evans named potential starters and certain front-line substitutes as Allen Hargrove, Charles Coleman and Clarence Harris, sen-

iors, with Roy Carter and James Moss, juniors.

Others on the 16-man squad include Johnnie Alexander, Shawn Cheston, James Miliam, John Watson and Reggie White and Clarence Shaw.

The Waves lost All-Metro James Greene from their last year's squad. Greene, currently playing at Louisburg College, carried the team but Coach Evans believes this year's team will be well-balanced with good depth.

Evans is cautious about the 1977-78 Bunn team. "Bunn has four returning starters, all of whom were voted all-conference or all-conference tournament," Evans said.

He doesn't over look Franklinton, however.

"Franklinton will be re-

turning four starters plus they will have some players off Franklinton's JV championship teams of the last two seasons," he noted.

While John Graham and Louisburg will be in "a rebuilding status, Evans believes they "could put forth a challenge."

Evans is beginning his fifth year as basketball coach at Norlina. Assisting him will be Dan Settles, who will also coach the jayvees, and Monte Allen, who will be trainer.

The boys will begin the season tonight (Thursday) with Northwest at home then travel to Parkview Friday night for a jayvee and varsity game.

Games begin at 6:30 p. m. both days.

An attempt was made to round out the overall sports picture of the county; however, the Norlina girls coach could not be reached.



John Graham probable first-stringers run through plays during the last week of practice before the season opener on Friday night.

## Special Olympic Meet Slated

This Friday and Saturday, Henderson will host the statewide fall special olympic meet. Over 500 athletes and chaperones from local programs across the state will be participating.

The special olympics are a program of organized

training and competition for retarded and physically handicapped children and young adults.

The events scheduled will include basketball, running, dribbling, shooting and bowling.

Sixteen children from the

Warren County school system will represent the county at the state olympics which includes a basketball team from North Warren Middle School.

They will be accompanied by teachers Jane Adams, Millie Meredith, Becky Richardson, Princene Owens and Junell Epanchin.

Warren County's local special olympics program began last year under the joint sponsorship of the Warren County Jaycees, the Area Mental Health program and the Warren County public schools.

### JG Honor Roll

W. E. Terry, principal of John Graham High School, released the following honor roll list for the first grading period:

Tenth grade: Frank Aycock, Phillis Ayscue, Tina Brown, Dianne Capps, Brenda Cheek, Jessica Dillard, Julia Groom, Willie Gooch, Joann Edwards, and Joyce Lynch.

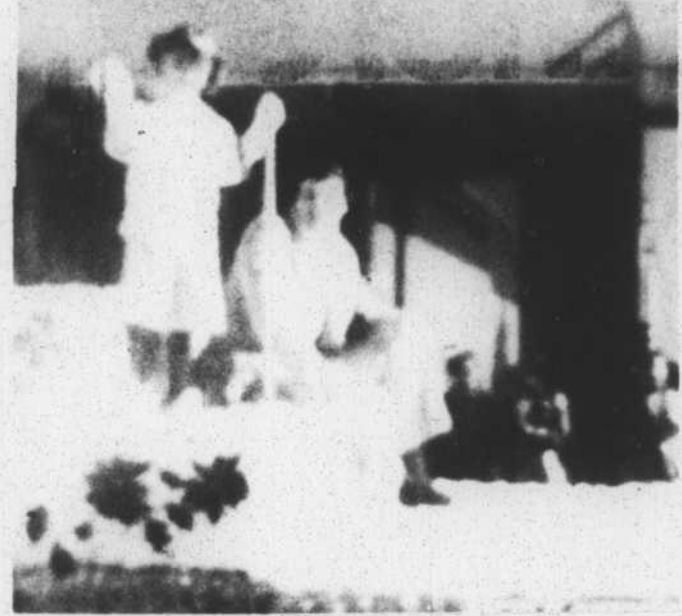
Also, Carolyn Richardson, Priscilla Faye Richardson, Eleanor Gayle Rodwell, Andrea Young, David Smith, Juanita Taylor, Arlene Terry, Dennis Van Buren and Victor Vaughan.

Eleventh grade: Brent Dillard, Jane Coppedge, Al Hight, Laura Jackson, Bernice Johnson, David Medlin, Richard Seward, Annetta Somerville, Anne Spence, Gary Tharrington, Mattie Williams, Kelvin Young, Priscilla Williams, Vivian Woods, Lola Townes and Ann Inscoc.

Twelfth grade: Barbara Deloris Alston, Barrington Louis Alston, Sheryl Rose Aycock, Lisa Louise Bobbitt, Robin Patricia Christmas, Angelia Davis, Sandra Groom, Patricia Jones and Melissa Exum.

Also, Ronnie Donell Lynch, Sherry Lynne Mills, Gale Renee Murray, Annie Bell Newell, Patricia Fay Richardson, Edith Rodwell, Mary Helen Rooker, Michael Rand Ross, Bettie Ann Royster, Ida Catherine Seward, Pamela Thompson, Teresa Thompson, Dennis Smith, Amanda Terry and Jason Young.

**Birth**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hayes announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Warren, on Nov. 29, at Maria Parham in Henderson. Mrs. Hayes is the former Margaret Perkinson of Wise.



Surena Evans of Norlina and Bob Inskeep of WRAL radio ride in the Raleigh Christmas parade recently. Surena won a contest sponsored by the station which allowed her to be in the parade. She was also given a tour of the station, which she enjoyed as much, or better, as the parade. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evans of Norlina.

### School Menus

Dec. 5-9  
(Subject to change with-  
out notice.)

**MONDAY**-Barbecue on bun, pork and beans, cabbage-carrot slaw, peach cobbler, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Braised beef, mashed potatoes, green peas, hot biscuits, iced spice cake, chocolate milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Soup and crackers, bologna-cheese sandwich, orange juice, and milk.

**THURSDAY**-Beef-a-roni, shredded lettuce with dressing, fruit gelatin, hot rolls, milk.

**FRIDAY** - Manager's choice.

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